FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The 4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167 8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm *livestreamed on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>

As We Gather

In our world of constant change and abundant challenges to our faith, we often feel alone, and fear causes us to question where God is and what He is doing. Our Good Shepherd has pledged never to abandon us but to be with us always. More than this, He has promised that no one can snatch us from His hand. He is the powerful Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Because of the investment He has made in us, He does not surrender us to temptation, trouble, trial, or test.

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+ + + GATHERING + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* (arr. Donald Rotermund)

HYMN OF INVOCATION - LSB 819 - Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good 1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au-thor of cre -2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cv He is 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; 0 God. in mer cy His gen -4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, cho-sen er -5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and tion, The God of love who un der - stood а ing. ning shade keep By morn - ing glow eve or hear Our Sav - ior saw help - less - ness us. our their rock, а tion; He is their ref uge and -Let all who know His glo ry. pow'r pro - claim Our need for His sal tion. With heal-ing balm our va -the His eye is nev er sleep ing. With - in king - dom And came with peace to cheer For this we thank and us. Their peace and their sal - va tion. As with moth - er's а ev - 'ry A - loud the won - drous Cast sto ry. i - dol He fills mur stills: souls And ev - 'ry faith less mur of His might All things are just and good right: and praise the all Lord, Who is by one and a - dored: He His cho ten der hand, leads His own, sen band: from its throne, For God is God. and He a - lone: To God all praise and glo ry! То God all praise and glo ry! То God all praise and glo ry! То God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry!

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INVOCATION – LSB 167

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive
- our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

+++WORD++++

INTROIT - Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



Leader: I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

- He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;* from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.*
- *Leader:* With upright heart he shep- | herded them* and guided them with his | skillful hand.
- But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- | ever;* from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 I am the good | shepherd.*
 I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

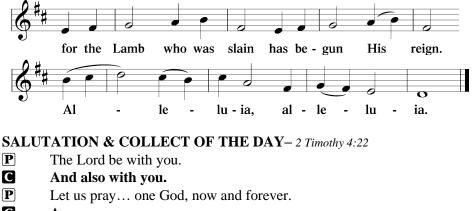


HYMN OF PRAISE – This is the Feast – Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

P This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!



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C Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Acts 20:17-35 - "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock."

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

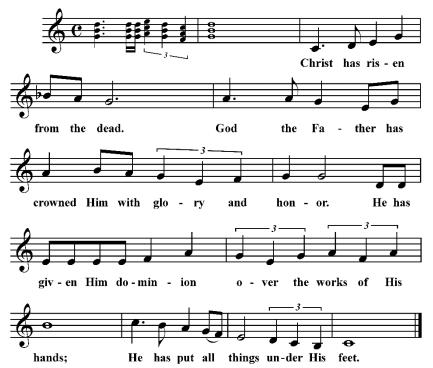
"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.""

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

С

GRADUAL – Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 – The congregation sings all.



SECOND LESSON – Revelation 7:9-17 – The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be their Shepherd.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

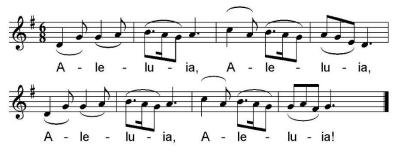
the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – *Romans* 6:9; *John* 10:14 **The congregation sings the refrain before and after the verses.**



Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. REFRAIN

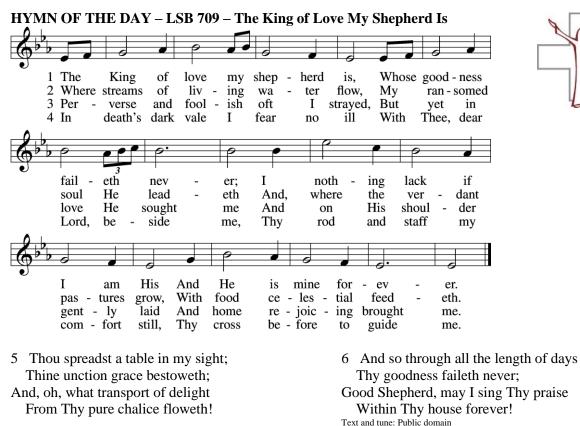
HOLY GOSPEL – John 10:22-30 – No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.
 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."



8:00 am - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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SERMON - The Shepherd's Voice - John 10:22-30

8:00 am - APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm - NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

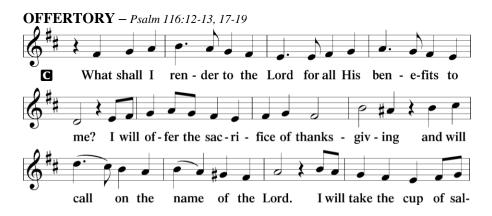
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

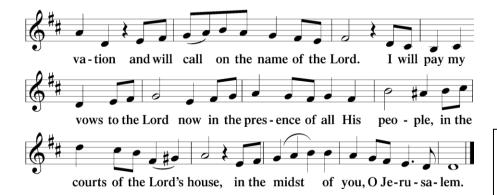
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **A** ... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

OFFERING – The King of Love My Shepherd Is (arr. Healey Willan)





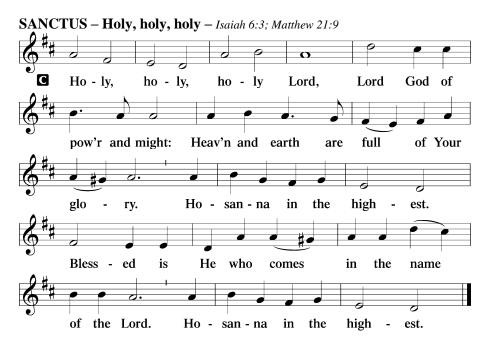
8:00 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (*page 12*) and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (*pages 17-18*).



For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

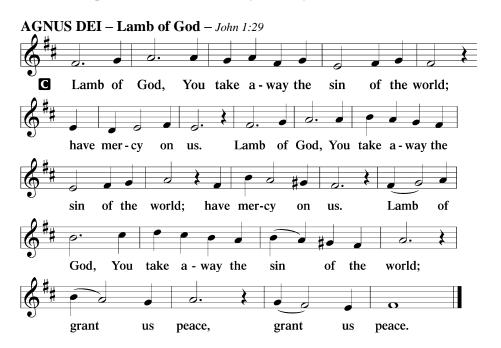
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- **P** ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

 \mathbf{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.



Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.



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A Song to the Lamb

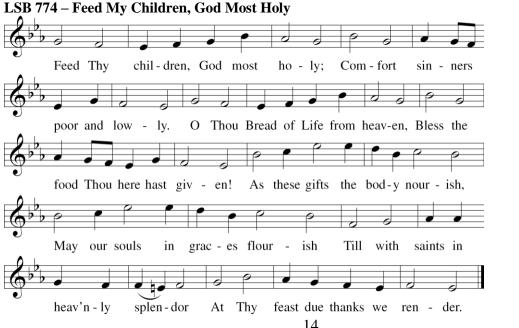


REFRAIN: Splendor and honor and sov'reign power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

CHOIR: For you created everything that is, all things took form according to your will. REFRAIN

CHOIR: And yours by right, O Lamb that once was slain, for with your blood have you redeemed for God. From every nation, people, tribe, and tongue, a countless priestly host to serve our God. REFRAIN

CHOIR: And to the one who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship, dominion, splendor, and praise, for ages past, and ages vet to come. REFRAIN



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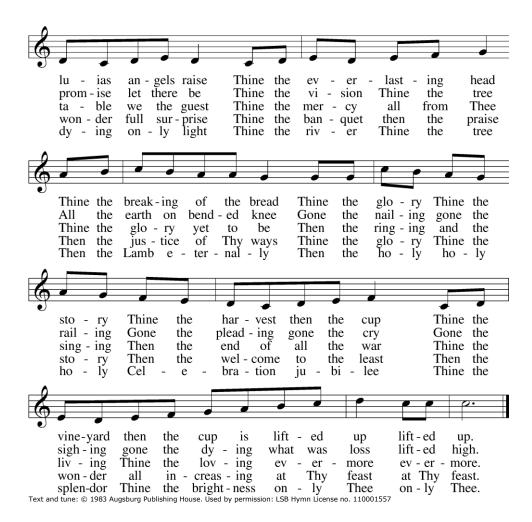
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise Vs. 1: Women Vs. 3: Choir Vs. 2: Men Vs. 4-5: All Thine A1 Thine the le 1 а men the praise _ 2 Thine the Thine life e ter nal ly the 3 Thine the tru ly Thine the Thine the yes -4 Thine the king dom Thine the prize Thine the 5 Thine the glo in the night No more ry



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P ... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

- **C** Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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POST-SERVICE MUSIC – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (arr. Mark Bender)

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Pastor and Jen** in celebration of **Arielle**'s 15th birthday. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

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Gradual: "Christ Has Risen From the Dead" – Setting: Jonathan Mueller

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MONDAY, May 12

6:00pm Sanctuary Audit Committee 6:30pm Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training (for those who missed last week's training and/or didn't attend last year) Topics covered include general safety and emergency preparedness training and protocols within our facility. Everyone is welcome.



TUESDAY, May 13

9:30am Chinese Bible study 2:00pm Quilting group (kitchen) 5:15pm First Steps in Music (ages 0-5) 6:15pm Softball (Twin Lakes, F4)



WEDNESDAY, May 14

10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies 5:45pm Children's Ministry Team 7:30pm Senior Choir

THURSDAY, May 15

11:30am JOY Group to Cracker Barrel (sign up by the JOY Group bulletin board)



SATURDAY, May 17

11am-1pm Ladies' Tea Ladies of all ages! Join us for this special, annual event. Dress-up is encouraged, or come as you are. Moms and grand/daughters, sisters, friends... All are welcome!

Donations are still being accepted through Thursday, May 15 for the Silent Auction to benefit <u>Sojourn House</u>, and may be place in the classroom across from the kitchen upstairs (please label with your name in case we have questions):

- handcrafted items
- new, purchased items
- gift cards

Sign up on the podium in the narthex, or at FaithBtown.org

Contact Ann Graves (anngraves6@gmail.com) or Erin Miller (enablo@hotmail.com) with questions.

Voters' Meeting



SUNDAY, MAY 18 in the sanctuary, following the 10:30 service

• Extend a Call to Dr. Priscilla Gabriel as "Director of Parish Music"

All communicant members age 18+ are automatically voting members.

SUNDAY, May 25 9:15am **Special Presentation** by Rev. Micah Wildauer and family (LCMS Missionary in Belize)



from Mother's Day through Father's Day --CELEBRATING LIFE

We're collecting items to benefit IU Health Bloomington Hospital Community Health's Family Vitality program, which supports pregnant individuals navigating substance use disorder. This program offers individual and group therapy, plus personalized care with an OB nurse practitioner.

Let's help these moms and babies feel supported and celebrated. Our goal: fill the pack and play in the narthex by Father's Day!

Questions? Contact the Health and Human Care Ministry Team: scschaef@iu.edu

Most-needed items:

(new or gently used in very good condition)

- Sleepers (0-3m preferred)
- Pack/Play sheets
- Crib sheets
- Nursing boppy pillows
- Cabinet locks, doorknob & outlet covers
- Chunky children's board books
- Nipple butter or gel
- Gel nipple shields
- Faja (post-surgery compression garment)
- Body butter or lotion
- Bath bombs for moms

Drop-off location: Pack and play in the narthex **Deadline**: Sunday June 15th

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