

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019**



St. Philip's Lutheran Church

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Gathering

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in E-Minor"

J. S. Bach

Welcome

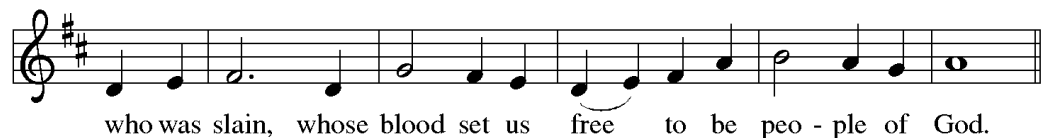
Gathering

Song "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW 855

Greeting P: The grace of our Lord...be with you all.
C: *And also with you.*

**Canticle of
Praise**



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Choir Anthem “This I Promise You”

Richard Marx

Word

First Reading Acts 9: 36 - 43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the

Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

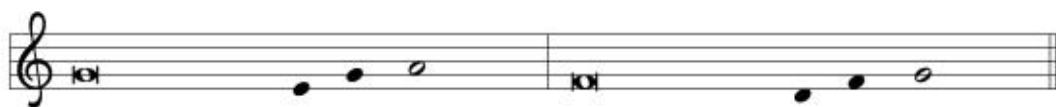
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 *Refrain*



Tone



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

Second Reading **Revelation 7: 9 - 17**

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.
C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

John 10: 22 - 30 *Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bob Binhammer

Hymn of the

Day “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW 611

Prayers of Intercession P: Hear us, O God,
C: *Your mercy is great.*

Sharing of the Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: *And also with you.*

Meal

Offering

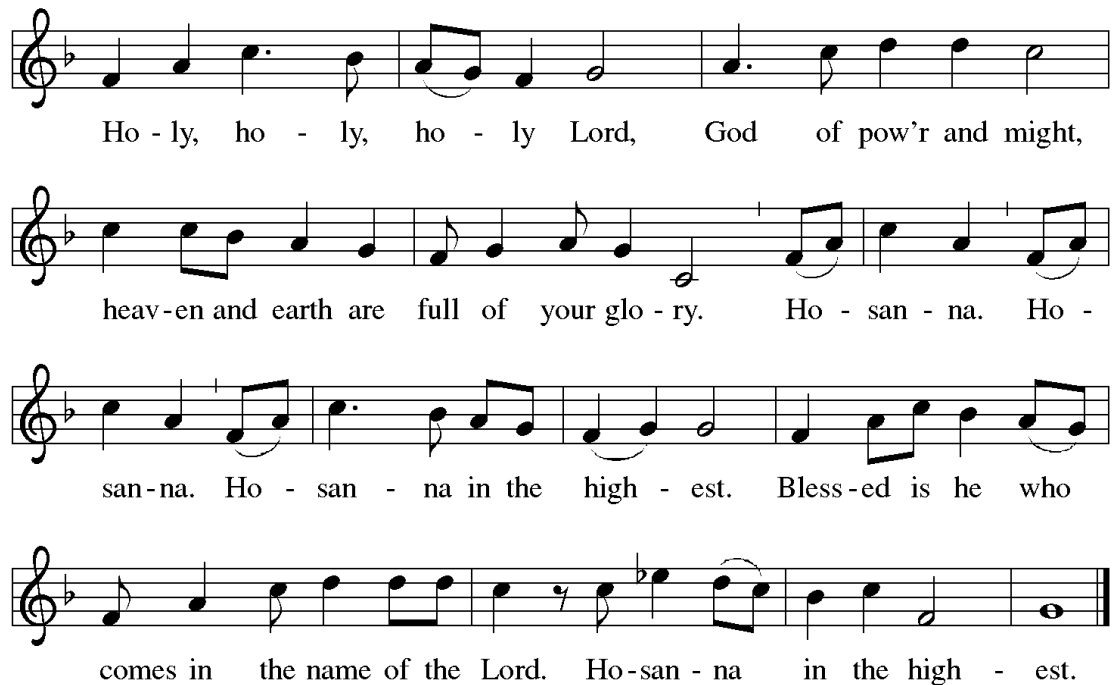
Offering Prayer Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving **P:** The Lord be with you.
C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table In the night...Amen.

**Lord's
Prayer**

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

Invitation to Communion **P:** Now let us feast this Easter on Christ, the bread of heaven. Alleluia.

Communion

Hymn "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW 480

Prayer After Communion Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

Sending

Blessing The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. *Amen.*

Sending Song "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

Dismissal **P:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude “Sheep May Safely Graze”

J. S. Bach

(Please remain seated or leave quietly. Thank you.)

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Assisting Minister	E. Wuschnakowski
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DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Monday	11:00 am	Euchre
	1:00 pm	Senior’s Fitness
	7:15 pm	Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Homework Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Cover Girls Sewing Group
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	6:30 pm	Yoga

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Janet Biernacki, Beverly Binhammer, Rodney Erlandson, David Humiski, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Eleonore Ritthaler, Janice Rouse, Elga Smidt, George Willis, Judith Wilson, and Hugh Wood.



CHURCH OFFICE: Margaret Isaacs, Office Administrator, will be back in the church office on **Monday, May 13th**.



Wednesday, May 15 @ 12:30 pm: SPLC Book Club will meet in the Choir Room to discuss the latest book, Quiet, by Susan Cain. The club will now meet on Wednesday afternoons. New members welcome ☺

HOLIDAYS: Pastor Tuula will be away from **May 9 - 22** inclusive. Please contact Rev. Nadine Nicholds for pastoral emergencies at 647.403.5545.

CHURCH OFFICE: The office will be closed on **Monday, May 20** for Victoria Day.

Monday, May 27th: LIFE deadline for submission of photos and articles. Please submit to Kelly Roche, editor, at rochekel@gmail.com

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

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