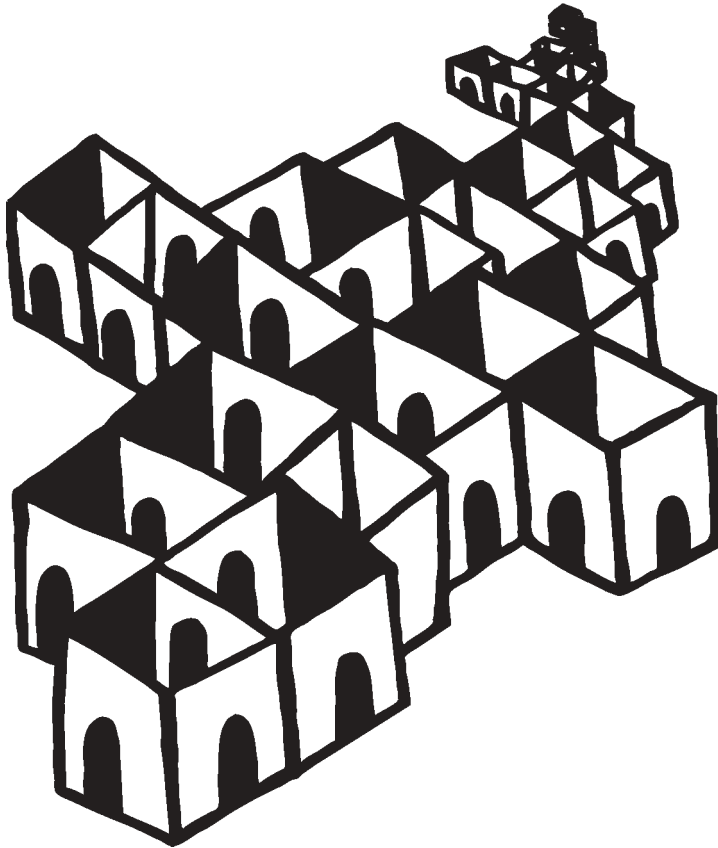


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 24, 2005 - 8:30 AM
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The gospel readings for the last Sundays of Easter shift the focus from Christ's presence among the disciples to his care for those who will continue his mission in the world. While the scriptural context is obvious, Christ addresses his contemporary disciples as well. To the community that bears his name he says, You will also do the works that I do. The church keeps Easter's fifty days in order to discern anew its baptismal witness in the world. In our community, at this time, with these gifts, what witness can we offer to the one who is our way, our truth, and our life?

April 24, 2005

8:30 am Worship

I Am the Way

On the one hand, the scriptures imagine God as light, life, and truth so bright that we could not look upon it all and live. On the other hand, the scriptures show us Jesus, a real human being who is sometimes tired, thirsty, hungry, angry, and sad. He is also passionate about God's rule of the world and about bringing healing of all kinds to the people he meets.

Imagine a friendship with someone who does not believe in God but who respects your beliefs and wants to hear more about them. Where would you begin? How would you describe a future shaped by justice and life when there is so much injustice and death in the world?

Christians trying to explain their beliefs often find themselves telling stories about Jesus. He healed people, sometimes even when they didn't ask for help. He called a tax collector out of a tree and invited himself to dinner at the tax collector's house! He made powerful people angry; he lifted up the lowly. He was faithful to such things even when it cost him his life, so he knew about injustice and death from the inside. In the end, God did not abandon him but raised him up to life again. As Christians tell stories like these, it becomes clear that Jesus is the way God has made God's own self known to us.

Ask a Christian what they believe about God, and sooner or later they will probably begin to tell you things they know about Jesus. That is just how we think. Jesus has made God known (John 1:18). He is the way we know God. He is the truth of God's passionate, healing connection to the world. He is the life, God's "No!" to destruction and corruption in every form and God's "Yes!" to all that God has made.

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** Stand if you are able.

SETTING ONE -- LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages

(Rasley)

WELCOME

Pastor Prochaska

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, who chose us in Christ. Let us come to the fountain of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,

**in raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death.
Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection.
Grant us the radiant power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us,
so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen
Lord.**

In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING

** **HYMN** 561 LBW (green hymnal)

For the Beauty of the Earth

** **GREETING** (spoken)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

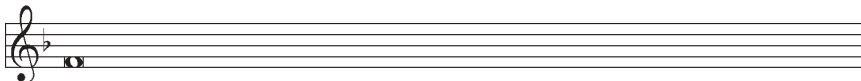
** **KRYIE** (sung)

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

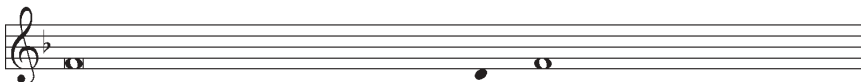
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



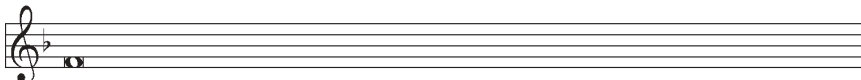
☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



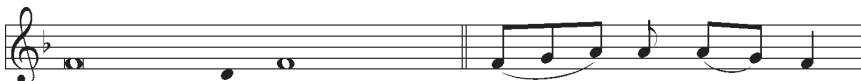
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☒ A - men

**** HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)**



☒ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



☒ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**** THE SALUTATION (sung)**



☒ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Green / Gold Cards

Pastor Prochaska

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jana Bostelman

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

PSALM (spoken) (congregation speaks bold print)

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**²Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

**³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

**⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

**⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.**

**¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

**¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving kindness save me."**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

** **ALLELUIA VERSE** (sung)

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.

** **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

** **HYMN** 294 LBW (green hymnal) *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

** **NICENE CREED** (spoken)

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

** **THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who conquered death to give us eternal life and joy, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

** PEACE (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Solid Rock

(Broughton)

** OFFERTORY HYMN (sung)

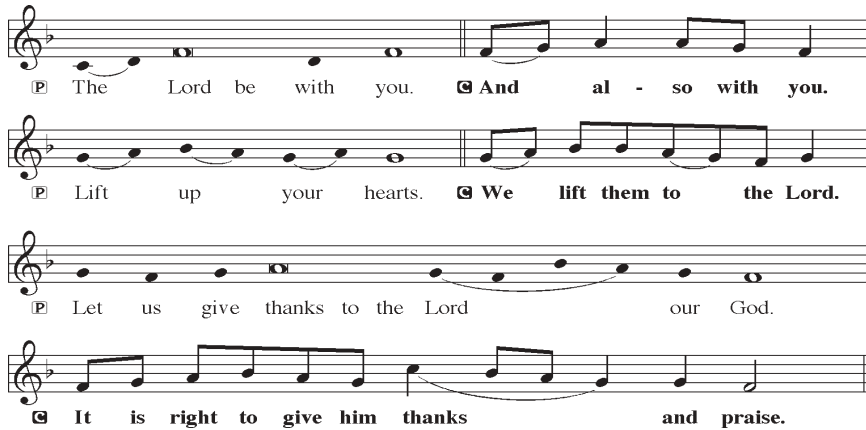
Let the Vineyards

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**** OFFERTORY PRAYER (spoken) Let us pray...**

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung)**



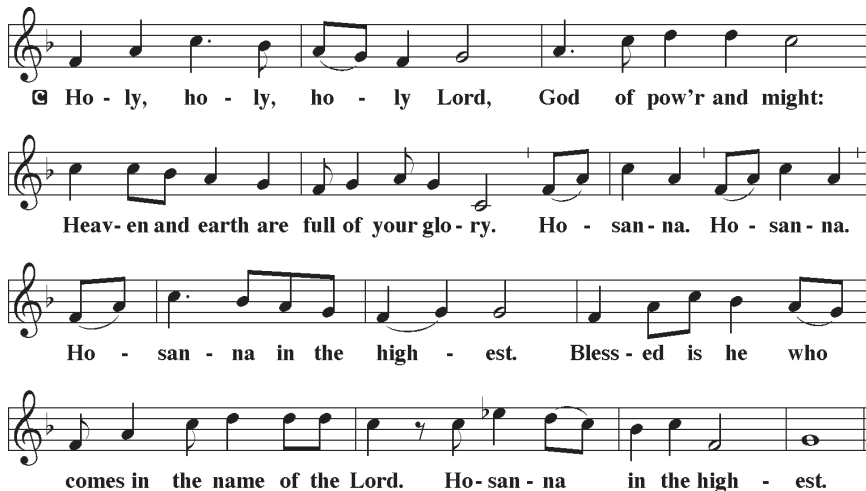
Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary... 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.

Pastor continues to pray...

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Please hold hands as we pray together.)

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

**** INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (spoken)

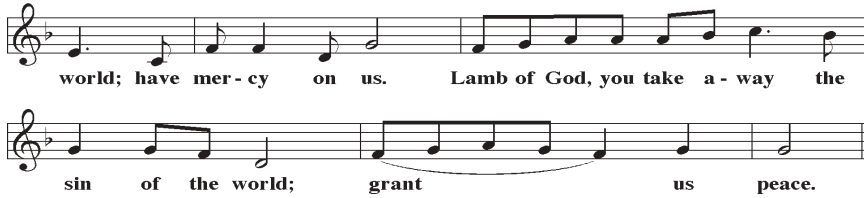
Set your hope on God, who richly provides us with every good thing.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (sung) (congregation is seated as communion assistants come forward)



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

327 LBW (green hymnal)

Rock of Ages

345 LBW (green hymnal)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

**** COMMUNION BLESSING** (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**** POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (sung)



**** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament. May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (sung by Pastor)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Congregation:



**** HYMN** 556 LBW (green hymnal)

Let All Things Now Living

**** DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fantasia Truro

(Wilson)

This week's festival and commemorations

Monday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Friday, April 29

Catherine of Siena, teacher, died 1380

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

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O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

The family of Milan Filcik, who passed away April 18, services will be here at Good Shepherd on April 25 at 10 am	Ted, who has breathing problems
The family of Naomi Oehrtman, who passed away on April 19, services were held here on April 23	Bridget Quattrucci & family (Jeff & Sheila Stutrud's daughter), who is having twins & having problems with the pregnancy
Hazel Reel	Roger Faris, had a serious heart attack
Ruth Lackey	Martha
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	Carleen
Darren	Katrina
Lygia Harrison, cancer & chemotherapy	Jacob Black
Harold DeVilbiss, who began chemotherapy on March 4	Connie
Sharon, who has cancer	Angie, who has Hodgkin's disease
Mary Campbell, co-worker of Paula Bennett, on her daughter's hospitalization	Nate Baker, guidance in his job search after receiving a Master's degree
Alistair Jacques, colleague of Rob Blackburn, whose is hospitalized	Glenn Boggs
Jay, who has cancer	John & Pam Zambenini
John O'Neal	Ron Hershey, home after surgery
Randy Wright	Kristine
Jerry, who has cancer	Becky Shonle, a young mother with brain cancer
Monica Benbow & her family	Helen, who has cancer
Randy Wright & his family	Sally, who has Parkinson's Disease
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Terry
Dick Krewson, Maxine Yike's cousin, who is hospitalized with pneumonia and a heart attack	Jacob
Sally	Donna
Sharon	Roberta
Mary	Kristen, who will have surgery
Ernie	Becky, who has a brain tumor
Lila	Elise Marie Calcutta, baptized April 17, 2005
Betty, who has cancer	Emily Winkler & Brian Purdin, to be married April 23, 2005
	George & Phyl Stahl, illnesses

April 24, 2005 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Prayers Received April 17, 2005 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com