

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 9:30 AM

## WELCOME



The gift of new life, abundant life, redeemed life, and of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Gomer in the Old Testament. It was true for those who followed Him. It is true for us and for all receive His love and His forgiveness. 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever'.

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## WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN 1: Glory

**1**

Glory, glory in the highest  
Glory to the Almighty  
Glory to the Lamb of God  
And glory to the Living Word  
Glory to the Lamb

#### CHORUS

I give glory (glory)  
Glory (glory)  
Glory, glory to the Lamb  
I give glory (glory)  
Glory (glory)  
Glory, glory to the Lamb  
I give glory to the Lamb.

**2**

Praises, Praises in the highest  
Praises to the Almighty  
Praises to the Lamb of God  
And Praises to the Living Word  
Praises to the Lamb

#### CHORUS

I give Praises (Praises)  
Praises (Praises)  
Praises, Praises to the Lamb  
I give Praises (Praises)  
Praises (Praises)  
Praises, Praises to the Lamb  
I give Praises to the Lamb

**3**

Honor, Honor in the highest  
Honor to the Almighty  
Honor to the Lamb of God  
And Honor to the Living Word  
Honor to the Lamb

#### CHORUS

I give Honor (Honor)  
Honor (Honor)  
Honor, Honor to the Lamb  
I give Honor (Honor)  
Honor (Honor)  
Honor, Honor to the Lamb  
I give Honor to the Lamb

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### OPENING HYMN 2: Yet not I, but through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, There is no more for Heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine", Yet not I but through Christ in me.
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome, Yet not I but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing "I am free". Yet not I but through Christ in me.
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

**Most merciful God, you asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them, but then withdrew them for the work was too hard. You asked for my eyes to see the needs around me, but I closed them for I did not want to see. You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I might not get to involved. Lord, forgive my efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so. Renew me and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. Live now as the forgiven child of God and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into all righteousness. **Amen.**

**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.**

## GOD'S HOLY WORD

### FIRST READING: Hosea 1: 2 - 10

<sup>2</sup> When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord."

<sup>3</sup> So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. <sup>5</sup> In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel."

<sup>6</sup> Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. <sup>7</sup> Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them."

<sup>8</sup> After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not my people"), for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

<sup>10</sup> "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.'"

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



## Psalm: 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

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

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



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

### HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 10: 10 - 15; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### SERMON – Liz Griswold

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY: Beautiful Savior**

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| 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,<br>Son of God and Son of Man!<br>Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,<br>light of my soul, my joy, my crown.           | 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,<br>bright the sparkling stars on high;<br>Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer<br>than all the angels in the sky. |
| 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,<br>robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;<br>Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,<br>he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. | 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,<br>Son of God and Son of Man!<br>Glory and honor, praise, adoration,<br>now and forevermore be thine!                        |

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ At this time, we would like to also recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with all of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud; with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as you fed 5,000 from the gifts of a young boy, we pray that you will transform our gifts to feed many spiritually hungry people through the ministry and mission of this church. We offer these gifts and ourselves to your service. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

And on 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest and pray unto you the prayer he taught us to pray;

**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** – All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.



## **OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!**

### **COMMUNION HYMN 1: Glory to the Lamb**

- 1 Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb. **Chorus**
- 2 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb. **Chorus.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. **Chorus**

**CHORUS:**  
For He is glorious and worthy to be praised,  
The Lamb upon the throne;  
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise,  
The Lamb upon the throne.

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### **COMMUNION HYMN 2: He is Lord**

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He has risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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**Closing Prayer** - Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

**Blessing** - The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: Be Exalted O God**

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people  
I will sing praises to Thee, Among the nations  
For Thy steadfast love is great, Is great to the heavens  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds

**CHORUS:**

Be exalted, O God, Above the heavens  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth  
Be exalted, O God, Above the heavens  
Let thy glory, let thy glory.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth

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**Dismissal:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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