

Sunday May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH**
we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS**
we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: “This Is the Day”

CCLI# 5193770

Group 1 (Men):

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it

Group 2 (Women):

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it

All:

This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it

Group 1 (Men):

This is the day

Group 2 (Women):

This is the day

All:

That the Lord has made.

(Repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays during Lent. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex and include the weekly readings.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWBORN KITS WELCA is collecting items for Newborn Kits that will be assembled on May 21st as a Thrivent Action Team event. See the display in the Fellowship Hall for items that are needed. Multiple yards of flannel have been donated, and volunteers are needed to make the flannel into receiving blankets. See Darlene Christensen if you're interested in helping with this project.

TASTES OF THE HOLY LAND Friday, May 16 from 4-6pm. Join us to enjoy foods with unique flavors from the Holy Land with wines that pair best with each course. \$40/ticket. To get tickets please call the church office at 320 684-2123, follow this link:

<https://app.autobooks.co/pay/bethesda-lutheran-church-of-malmo> or scan the QR code to the right.



SYTTENDE MAI BUFFET LUNCHEON, CRAFT & BAKE SALE -

Trinity Lutheran Church, Milaca. Friday, May 16th, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. See the poster on the bulletin board for more info.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **May 12, 2025 – May 18, 2025**

Monday	5/12	9:00 am	Women's Devotions
		10:00 am	Property Meeting
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/13	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	5/14	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	5/15	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Friday	5/16	4:00-6:00 pm	Taste of the Holy Land Wine & Dine
Sunday	5/18	9:00 am	Sunday Worship in Person & live stream <i>(with communion)</i>

TEMPLE TALK: GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES NEWBORN KITS

OPENING HYMN: **"Shine, Jesus Shine"** **CCLI# 30426**

(Please Stand on the last Verse)

Chorus: Shine Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of darkness shining,

Jesus, Light of the world, shine up on us, set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**
As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your
own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your
boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of
believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your
people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by
these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Glorious Day”

by Casting Crowns

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since 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.” ³⁹ So 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. ⁴⁰ Peter 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 23

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

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You 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.**

⁵ You 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.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And 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, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I 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.

¹⁵ For 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for 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.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Glory to you, O Lord

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

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: “We Are Marching in The Light of God” CCLI# 144697

1. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God.
2. We are living in the love of God; we are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God; we are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, we are living, Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, living, we are living, Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God.
3. We are praying in the love of God; we are praying in the love of God.
We are praying in the love of God; we are praying in the love of God.
We are praying, praying, we are praying, Oh Oh

We are praying in the love of God.

We are praying, praying, we are praying, Oh Oh

We are praying in the love of God.

4. We are singing in the love of God; we are singing in the love of God.

We are singing in the love of God; we are singing in the love of God.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, Oh Oh

We are singing in the love of God.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, Oh Oh

We are singing in the love of God.

5. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oh Oh

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oh Oh

We are marching in the light of God.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

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 our non-human neighbors. 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 (*especially*). 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.

*Here other intercessions may be offered by congregation
either aloud or in their hearts.*

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (*especially*), 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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING - Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – Lead by The Praise Team

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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: “All of My Life” CCLI# 2329853

My heart is hopin’ and my eyes are open. There is a hunger inside of me.

I want to do right, walk in the holy light, to live my days abundantly.

Chorus: All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful.
All of my life, I want to live forgiven and be grateful,
All of my life.

Some say I’ve got to have all of the answers. Some say I need all the money.

I hear the world is just mine for the taking, Oh, how I long to be released. **Chorus**

Help out my neighbor, welcome a stranger. Offer my shirt to an enemy.

Dance in the moonlight, cry by the firelight, To live my days abundantly. **Chorus**

Oh, God, you know me, my every heartbeat is a word of grace from you

All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful.

All of my life, I want to live forgiven and be grateful,

All of my life, all of my life, all of my life.

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!

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team

Ushers: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Greeters: Larry & Carol Pantsari

Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz

Hospitality: Kathy Larson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, May 4, 2025: In Person: 9:00am 51 Online: 18