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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. Alleluia!**

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

*Ministers:* All God's People *Pastor:* Cathleen Morris *Organist:* Nalani Bever

*Greeters:* Carolyn Dougherty and Kathy Cale *Reader:* Kathy Cale

*Altar:* Anita Steinke and Julie Acker *Communion Server:* Kathy Cale

*Ushers:* Leonard Arndt, Jery Von Haden Greg Bever, Steve Brandau, Sr.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Lorayne Denter, Ed Bauer, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Linda Bauer, Linda Finnigan, Bob Sullivan, Lois Schultz, Stuart Thayer, Becky Smith, Ian Hefner, Florence Krause, Steve Zirk, Judy Bever, Al Strazdin, Barb Brown, Drew Thurston, Tracy Dechant, Eleanor Spohn, Louie Voltz

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Dan Brandenburg who passed away earlier this week. May they find comfort in knowing Dan has claimed the promise of eternal life.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 12 2019  
**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's  
Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,  
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.  
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.  
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.  
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,  
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.  
Here, death is washed away forever.  
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,  
with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,

into this community, and throughout all creation.  
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.  
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn                      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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 mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

\*Canticle of Praise                      “This is the Feast”

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**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**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Lord’s Prayer**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ’s table.*

“Lamb of God”

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**\*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**

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

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he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

**OFFERING**

\*Offertory Hymn

"Create in Me"

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\*Offertory 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.**

**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.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from Acts 9:1-20**

*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.*

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

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.**

**SECOND READING**

*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.*

A reading from Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

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

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

<sup>15</sup>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.

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

<sup>17</sup>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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia”

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*The gospel according to 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.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

Sermon

\*Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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**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**