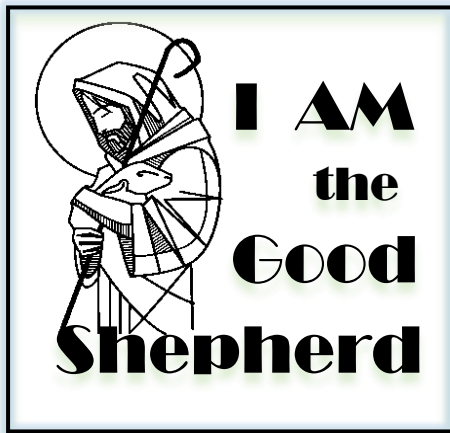


May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter, Year C



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

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

P: Water! Water!

We praise you, O God, for water—
the *Zumbro and Mississippi Rivers*
and our many lakes,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

P: We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water you have birthed us
into the family of Christ, bathed us in
forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us
health and well-being. We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

No. 854

Blessing & Honor

1 **Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the
throne; whose are the kingdom, the crown, and
the throne!**

2 **Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.**

3 **Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise--
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.**

4 **Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
dying in weakness and rising to reign!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O God of peace, you brought again from the
dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of
the sheep.

**C: 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.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:36-43

Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead

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 23 We read responsively

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

A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb

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 who 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.**

◆ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 10:22-30

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep

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 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY *King of Kings*

Led by Pastor D.J. and Guitar >

v 1 In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

v 2 To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died CHORUS

v 3 And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored CHORUS

v 4 And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me CHORUS

◆ 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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

C: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

No. 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

C: Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG No. 764

Have No Fear Little Flock

1 **Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**

2 **Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**

3 **Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**

4 **Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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Su 5-11	9 AM WORSHIP—Mother's Day 10:00 COFFEE ★ Pick Up Carmel Roll Orders TODAY by 11 am <i>If you didn't order, there will be extra caramel rolls for sale, and some plain ones as well.</i>
We 5-14	5:30 – 7 Confirmation 6:30 ED-YOU 7:30-8:30 <i>Baccalaureate</i> AT GOL
Th 5-15	7 PM AA
Su 5-18	9 AM WORSHIP – <i>SENIOR RECOGNITION</i> at First <i>Honoring FLC 2025 HS Graduates</i>  10 AM Coffee/Fellowship

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