

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Prelude / Bell /Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

C: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

L: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

C: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

L: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

C: young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched, lift the new, new songs of faith.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Litany of Praise

See Insert

Sharing the Peace

Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

L: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message

Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

Prayers

See Insert

Offering

The Great [Thanksgiving](#)

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth:

C: We thank you, O God.

L: You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in Christ:

C: We praise you, O God.

L: Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives:

C: We pray to you, O God.

L: Accept our [thanksgiving](#) and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

Song *You Are Holy* ELW 525

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer / Communion

Blessing / Benediction

Closing Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord! **C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Bell / Postlude

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love and respect,
and God is using you to care for the world.*

We Thank

May 4, 2025

Ushers; Tech Desk
Reader: Nancy Powers

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson
Communion

Nordland's Week

Today 9:30 / 10:30 Education, Fellowship & Facility Audit Forum / Worship, "Happy Mother's Day!"

2:00 pm Service at Glen Oaks

Wed. 9:00 am NLCW / Bible Study

11 am – 1 pm Spring Salad Luncheon, dine in or take out at the former Koronis Manor, CentraCare
Paynesville Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser. Menu: Chicken salad croissant, salads & cookie

Thur. 6:30 pm Church Council

Sun. 9:30 / 10:30 Education (Last day of S.S.) & Fellowship / Communion Worship, Graduate Quilts

Presented to: Reese Batterberry, Shaylyn Brey, Kjera Clark, Tyler Mahn, Hannah Moline

Events and dates to remember:

- May 25, Worship time change to 9:30 am; Fellowship at 10:30 am
- May 26, Memorial Day Meatball Dinner at Crow River Lutheran Church, Belgrade
- June 7, Rib Fest & Silent Auction, The Link fundraiser at New London City Parking Lot
- June 23 – 26, 1 – 5 pm Vacation Bible School at Nordland for PreK – entering 6th Grade
Extra registration forms are on the youth bulletin board, please return to the church office.
Leaders and helpers are needed, contact Michelle Weiss or the church office!!
- July 11 & 12, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Quilt Review & Auction
- July 12, Nordland's Tractor Run
- July 19-25, Youth Mission Trip
- Aug. 10, Nordland's BBQ Bash – T-shirts are for sale in the entryway.

Inserts:

Litany of Praise

(Sung refrain) Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea
Raise your voices, lift your hearts
This is the day the Lord has made
Let all the earth rejoice

(spoken) L: Come and celebrate, people of God!
C: Sing and shout your praise!
L: For our God comes to us:
**C: triumphant and victorious,
yet gentle and humble of heart.**
L: God comes bringing peace,
offering hope and freedom to all who despair.
C: Let's worship God together!

refrain

(spoken) L: Praise the Lord, all people
let the sound of our praises be heard!
C: Great is God's power!
L: Creator of the universe,
**C: whose breath gives life,
whose hands create beauty,
whose love brings freedom,
whose glory fills the earth,
to you alone our praise we bring.**

refrain

(spoken) L: Savior of the world,
whose touch gives healing
whose words offer forgiveness
whose suffering brings life
whose death is victory.
**C: Great is God's power!
Praise the Lord, all people
let the sound of our praises be heard!**

refrain

(spoken) **C: Praise the Lord!
With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!
Praise the Lord!
Never forget the good things God has done for us.
Praise the Lord, all the earth. Everyone, everywhere!
We too will praise the Lord!**

refrain

Prayers *In between the prayer petitions, we sing Shepherd Me, O God* ELW 780 *(chorus only)*
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: On this day when we remember our mothers, let us offer our prayers to Jesus, the son of Mary.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: Because on this earth we are all daughters and sons of Eve, let us pray for the whole world and the church universal,

C: that we might see each other as brothers and sisters.

L: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: As Rebecca gave birth to Jacob, and in so doing she gave birth to a whole nation, we pray for our own nation and its leaders, and for leaders around the world,

C: that they may lead with compassion and mercy.

L: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: As Rachel's son Joseph was mistreated, beaten, and wrongly jailed, we pray for all in this world who are in trouble of any kind.

C: We pray for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the victims of war and all who live in fear.

L: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: Hannah, the mother of Samuel, went to the House of the Lord to pray with earnest integrity, we earnestly pray for those in this community,

L: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: As Naomi took Ruth into her home, we pray for those who act as surrogate, spiritual mothers.

C: We pray with gratitude for all those who give the gift of love and nurturing.

L: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: As Elizabeth gave birth in old age, and as she saw her son John the Baptist carried off to persecution,

C: we pray for all those who are sick, those who are suffering,

L: and those with any need.

L: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

L: Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her brood, we offer to you our prayers.

C: Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who mother, and give all mothers your comfort and strength. And help all of us to be your family on earth, as we shall be in heaven. Amen.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.