

# Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Fifth Week of Easter

### May 17,18, 2025

#### Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

✠ Please stand as you are able when noted.

## Words of Welcome Pastor John Maroni

### ✠ Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

### ✠ Gathering Hymn *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

ELW 876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

## **‡ Greeting**

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

## **‡ Kyrie**

- A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A 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.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen**

## **‡ Prayer of the Day**

- A The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
A O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen**

## **First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

- L The word of the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 148

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,
- <sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- <sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup> **wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**
- <sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- <sup>12</sup> **young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together.**
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

L      The Word of the Lord  
C      **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
 Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

P The Gospel of Our Lord  
 C Thanks be to God

Message Pastor John Maroni

‡ Hymn of the Day *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712 Verses 1,2, and 3



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

## Apostles Creed

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

**C 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 the Gathered Community

Each petition ends with:

A Hear us, O God,

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## Share the Peace

## Offering Music

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

‡ Offering Prayer

P Let us pray. Merciful God,  
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

‡ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

‡ Holy, Holy, Holy

Setting 8 Pg. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

In 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.

P With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach 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**

**✠ Lamb of God**

**Setting 8 Pg. 191**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**



## **Communion**

### **†† Post-Communion Blessing**

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

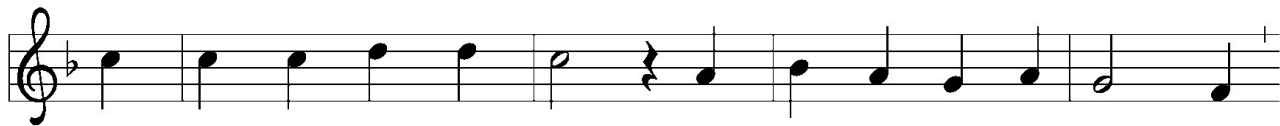
### **†† Post-Communion Prayer**

A Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C Amen

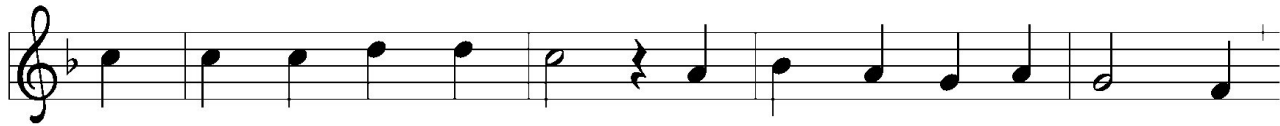
## **Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

### **†† Blessing**

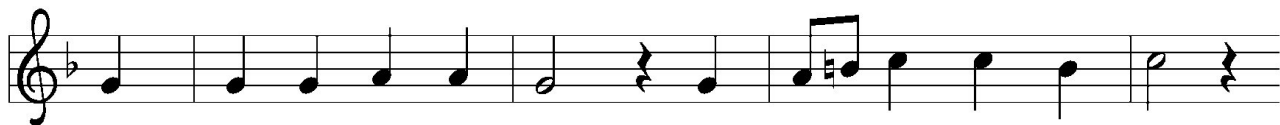
P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and †† give you peace.  
C Amen.



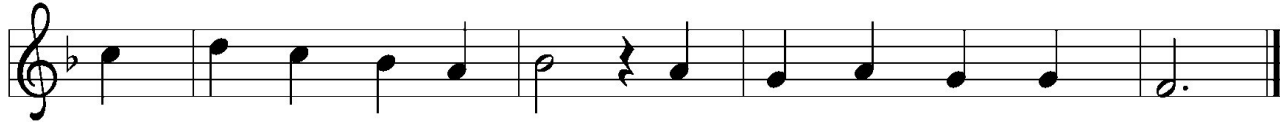
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

✠ **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

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# SHEPHERD OF THE DESERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday Morning Bible Study** 10:00 am in The Conference Room. Remember to bring your bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services.

**Celebration of Life** Friday May 23rd at 11 am. All are invited to a Celebration of Life for Pr. Paul Nordeen on As per request wear cheerful colors, no flowers or plants. Join the family for a light luncheon in Walton Hall after the service. Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Desert Bus Fund.

**Game Night** May 23th at 6:00 p.m. Game night in Founders Room. Bring a game or join in on a game. Snacks provided but bring a beverage of your choice.

**Pancake Breakfast** May 31st at 8:00 am-10:00 am. In Walton Hall. The Price is right FREE!!! This is a free breakfast for the community and S.O.D.

**Mission of the Month** In May, Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 71 different countries including the USA. Look for the collection box in the Narthex and the red barrel in the office lobby.



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