



# ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



## ELW WORSHIP SETTING 8 SUNDAY, May 11, 2025

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*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.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The hymn numbers for today's service: #847 #789 #391 #843 #764*

### PRELUDE

*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.*

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P. In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **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.

*Water is poured into the baptismal font.*

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.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (ELW 847)*

**\*GREETING**

P. 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**

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

*Verses sung by the cantor:*

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.** (*Refrain*)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.** (*Refrain*)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.** (*Refrain*)

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.** (*Refrain*)

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*




hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of




vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A. Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought 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.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

*Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead.*

*A reading from Acts:*

<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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **A READING FROM PSALMS: The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm Spoken in unison**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness**

**for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil:**

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me**

**in the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil;**

**my cup runneth over.**

**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.*

*A reading from Revelation:*

<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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30**

*Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter. **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**

Rev. Phil Heinze

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)**

**\*NICENE CREED**

**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 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.**

**\*THE PRAYERS**

A. God of Resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. 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**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS / CHOIR ANTHEM**

*The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)* arr. Howard Goodall (b. 1958; c. 2004)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil.  
For you are with me, you will comfort me.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *This Joyful Eastertide vs. 3 (ELW 391)***

**Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A. Let us pray: Risen Savior, 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.**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Chord progression: C, G7, Am, F, G7, C, F, G7, C.

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we  
break this bread and share this\_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

P. Remember us in your kingdom O Lord, and teach us to pray:

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## \*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*For those worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist. As you give yourself, or others, the meal, please say the words, "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

**COMMUNION HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)**

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A. Let us pray. Living Savior, 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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN *Have No Fear, Little Flock* (ELW 764)**

**\*DISMISSAL**

A. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A. Go in peace. In Christ you are made new! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WE PRAY FOR:**

**Patti Brunnert, Sandy Heinrich, Myrna and Louis Hund,  
Ron Callanan, Karen Presley, George Wiederaenders**

**Becky Jacobs** - Daughter of Lauren Anderson

**Leah Breitenstine** - Daughter of Jim Breitenstine

**Christy Hill** - Daughter of Win and Sandy Heinrich

**Caleb Roberts** - Friend of Ferrol Miller & the Gustafsons

**Annie Breakspear** - Daughter-in-law of Pauline Christensen

**Ken** - Fiancé of Renee Hill

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Today, May 11**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Phil Heinze  
**Assisting Minister:** Charlie Schmidt  
**Music Director:** Adam Frame  
**Organist/Pianist:** John Wolf  
**Cantor:** Adam Frame  
**Lector:** Joanne Gustafson  
**Chancel Care:** Sarah Hadfield  
**Ushers:** F. Youngblood, B. Anderson  
**Videographer:** Jeff Manthei  
**Counters:** Faye Youngblood, Renee Hill

**Next Sunday, May 18**

Rev. Phil Heinze  
Steve Weis  
Adam Frame  
John Wolf  
Karin Dunker  
Steve Weis  
Ruth Vinciguerra  
Janice Kammer, Chris Dunker  
Jeff Manthei  
K.C. Iversen, Bruce Anderson

***We welcome all today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs or concerns, please contact the church office at office@stmatthews-elca.org or call 817-292-1338.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONGREGATION MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18 AFTER WORSHIP**

**Gospel Alive** Janice Kammer and Jeri Manske participate in an older-adult basketball league. Their team is hosting a national tournament in Ft. Worth in July. The tournament will be supporting **two great causes: Cook Children’s Hospital and the Tara Sawyer Foundation.** St. Matthew’s is invited to help with donations to these causes through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Cook Children’s:** travel-size toiletries for overnight bags

**Tara Sawyer Foundation:** new and gently used sports equipment for youth

**Nursery Attendant Needed** We are looking for a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings to work with Valerie. If you have any leads, or are willing to help in the meantime, please contact Sarah Hadfield at 575-361-3229.

**Bill Anderson Memorial Summer Camps** will be held for Art (July 15-17), Cooking (July 22-24), and Musical Theater (July 28-Aug. 1). There is already a wait list for the Art and Cooking Camps! Contact Kelly Riddle at community@stmatthews-elca.org for questions

### **THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW’S**

#### **SUNDAY, May 11, Mother’s Day**

9:15 am St. Matthew’s Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher

10:45 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School and sheep corral

11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew’s

#### **TUESDAY, May 13**

9:00 am Prayer and Meditation with the Book of Common Prayer

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study

11:00 am Chair Yoga in the Fellowship Hall

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 14**

11:30 am Executive Council Meeting

7:00 pm St. Matthew’s Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **THURSDAY, May 15**

9:00 am Prayer and Meditation with the Book of Common Prayer

#### **SUNDAY, May 18, Student Recognition**

9:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher

9:15 am St. Matthew’s Adult Sunday School

10:45 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children’s Sunday School

11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew’s

**12:00 pm Congregation Meeting for St. Matthew’s**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 18, 4:00 pm**

**Western Hills High School Men's Chorus, Wedgwood Arts Event**

**Saturday, May 24 11:00 a.m.**

The ordination service for Trent Ormsbee-Hale will take place on May 24 at St. Matthew's. All are invited to celebrate with Trent at this holy and special service.

**Saturday, May 31 11:30 a.m.**

**Academy 4 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.**

All mentors, substitute mentors and Spark Club leaders are invited. We will reflect on the past year and will enjoy good food and fellowship.

## **ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT**

**Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.**

***We are Reconciling in Christ, welcoming to all!***

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**\*GATHERING HYMN *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs* (ELW 847)**



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;  
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)**



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## COMMUNION HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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**\*SENDING HYMN *Have No Fear, Little Flock* (ELW 764)**



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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