



Welcome to worship on May 11, 2025

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Mark Kvale

Rev. Becky Goche

Ministers:

All Baptized Members

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In Christ, we welcome, worship, and work in the world.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Live life abundantly. By the grace of God, we shall be a healthy, mission-focused congregation, full of life.

OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously. We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability. We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, **there is a place for you here.**

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

WORSHIP SERVICES | Saturdays 5:00pm, Sundays 8:30 & 10:45am.

STAFFED NURSERY | Available on Sunday mornings.

HEARING LOOP | Use T-coil mode on your hearing aid or ask an usher for headphones.

HUNGRY Jar offering in May is designated for La Crosse Area Family Y (YMCA) for summer camp scholarships. The La Crosse Area Family Y is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching our community by promoting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being for all. Summer day camp is held for ages 5-11 at eight locations in our area. The Y is chosen by our Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School class.

TODAY'S LEADERS:

Musicians: Luke Thering

Worship: Peter Moulton, Keagan Ortiz, Joan Allen, Maddie Sweeney, Mike Schnitzius, Karen Guptill, Jean Marie Walsh, Bob Weeks, Lisa Weston

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Renny Colclough & Jody Biergiel Colclough and daughters Iris and Evelyn, Nick Kjos and daughter, Kennedy.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TEACH, especially those who teach people of all ages here at church! From Sunday School teachers to Seekers leaders, we appreciate you all!

GATHERING

ELW – red hymnal | ACS – purple hymnal

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into you, O Living One ... **make us one as you are one.** (repeats)

Grant us grace, love, and life ... Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW #414 | Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

Greeting

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

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.**

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 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

Young People's Message | Pastor Becky Goche

Lesson | Acts 9:36-43

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

Psalm 23

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.**

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Lesson | Revelation 7:9-17

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Gospel Acclamation | Unfailing Light

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled "Refrain" and contains the notes for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody with "al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is labeled "Verse" and contains the notes for "Your words are sweet to taste, — sweet - er than hon - ey to our mouth." It ends with a double bar line and is labeled "To Refrain".

Gospel | John 10:22-30

Before: The holy gospel according to John... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Becky Goche

Hymn of the Day ELW #789 | Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



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.



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

Receiving of New Members

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help us.**

Let us welcome *these siblings* in Christ to this community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession ELW #752 | Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering & Offering Prayer

Risen One, 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.

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 the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major, 3/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. It contains a melodic line with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are". The third staff has the lyrics "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the". The fourth staff has the lyrics "high - est. Bless - ed is he the One who comes, who Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,". The fifth staff has the lyrics "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The sixth staff concludes with the lyrics "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God | Unfailing Light

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God | Unfailing Light'. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a four-measure rest, followed by the melody. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'world; have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.' The third staff concludes the melody with lyrics: 'world; grant us peace, grant us peace.'

Communion Songs

ELW #790 | Day by Day

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn 'Day by Day'. It is a single staff of music in G major, 3/4 time.

- 1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn 'Day by Day'. It is a single staff of music in G major, 3/4 time.

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn 'Day by Day'. It is a single staff of music in G major, 3/4 time.

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn 'Day by Day'. It is a single staff of music in G major, 3/4 time.

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn 'Day by Day'. It is a single staff of music in G major, 3/4 time.

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

ELW #793 | Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



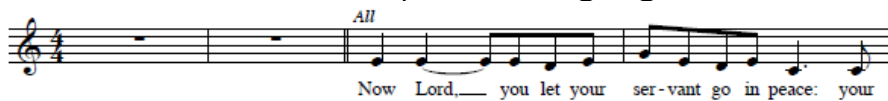
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

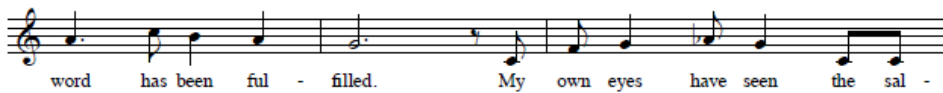
Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord ... keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

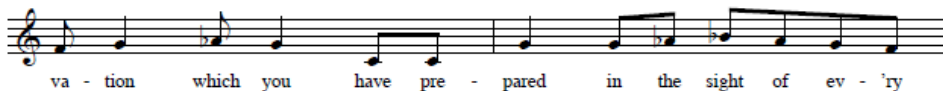
Hymn After Communion | Unfolding Light



All
 Now Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your



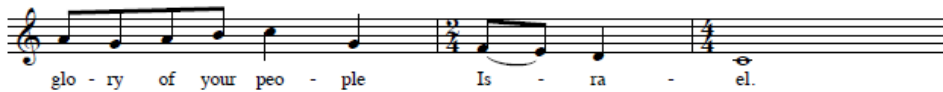
word has been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal -



va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry



peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

SENDING

Announcements

Prayer for End of A School Year

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW #631 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Pritchard, 1811–1887

Dismissal

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

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude