



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10 & 11, 2025

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

-Galatians 3:28

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister —Pastor Brian Ferguson  
Organist—Cheryl Licary  
AV Assistant—Grant Dusso

### **5:00 pm service**

Assisting Minister—Nancy Nelson  
Communion Prep—Nancy Nelson  
Lector—Nancy Nelson  
Ushers—Nancy Schmidt

### **8:30 am service**

Assisting Minister—George Lisensky  
Communion Assistants—Cindy Blair and Char Kepler  
Communion Prep—Cindy Blair  
Lector—George Lisensky  
Greeters—Darryl and Nancy Schutte  
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Bob Pederson, Darryl Schutte, and David Van Egmond

### **10:30 am service**

Assisting Minister—Michele Coldren  
Communion Assistants—Ava Coldren and Max Dodson  
Communion Prep—Michele Coldren  
Lector—Max Dason  
Greeters—TBD  
Ushers—Bill Frisbee and Mark Sorenson

## INTRODUCTION

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.

# GATHERING

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: 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,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: 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,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

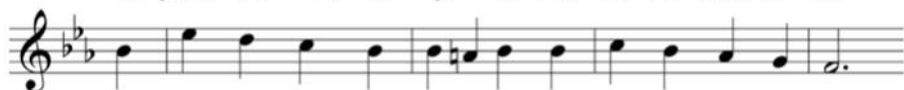
*For All the Faithful Women*—ELW 419



1. For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
2. Lord, hear our praise of — Dor - cas, who served the sick and poor.  
3. O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,  
4. All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
Her hands were cups of — kind - ness, her heart an o - pen door.  
in whom through all the a - ges your light of — glo - ry shone,  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
Send us, O Christ, your Bo - dy, where peo - ple cry in pain,  
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise,  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
and touch them with com - pas - sion to make them whole a - gain.  
that faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to — do — your will.

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# 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

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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# HYMN OF PRAISE

*This Is the Feast*

*REFRAIN*  This is the feast — of vic-to-ry for our God.


 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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. (*REFRAIN*)


2.  Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, —

 bless - ing and glo - ry are his. (*REFRAIN*)

3.  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*)

4.  For the Lamb — who was slain has be - gun his — reign.

 Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast — of vic-to-ry

 for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God of peace,

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 am)

#### FIRST LESSON Acts 9:36-43

L: 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM Psalm 23

L: We read Psalm 23 responsively:

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **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 LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

L: 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."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Please rise.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **GOSPEL John 10:22-30**

P: The holy gospel, according to John, the 10th chapter.

**C: 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

Pastor Brian Ferguson

Please rise.

## 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.  
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Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

A: You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care *especially those we name silently in our hearts at this time.....* Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# MEAL

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.*

*Please rise.*

## OFFERTORY

**Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**—ELW 544:1,2



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty, and our joy ...

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. 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 in the high - est.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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**

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.*

*Please rise.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Living One, 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.

**C: Amen.**

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

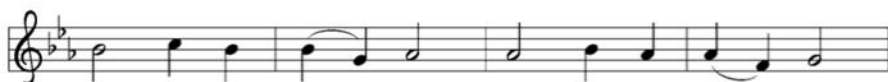
*Beautiful Savior*—ELW 838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Our Savior's is proud to offer renewable higher education scholarships to those furthering their education in a **college or university, technical college, or graduate school**. Those applying must be enrolled full-time and complete an application. **We have recently learned that the link originally provided to access the scholarship application was incorrect. Therefore, we are extending the deadline for scholarship applications to Sunday, May 25.** Please visit <https://oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/scholarships/> to access the application materials. Completed applications can be sent to Pat Brogan at [patbrogan@aol.com](mailto:patbrogan@aol.com). This scholarship is renewable and applicants can apply for it up to five times.

### **PARENTS OF GRADUATES**

Let's celebrate your graduate! In order to prepare for our upcoming Graduation Sunday, please email [molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org](mailto:molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org) about 6-7 pictures (baptism, elementary, confirmation, high school, etc.) along with the following information: full name, name of high school, name of college attending/or other plans, potential major, and any extra curricular activities they plan to pursue. Deadline for submissions: May 31.

High School Graduation Sunday and Scholarship Recognition will be on **June 8, 2025 at 10:30 am**.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Worship and Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 22 beginning at 10:30 am** at Leeson Park, 2200 Milwaukee Road, Beloit, WI. Worship will include special music,

### **VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Calling all youth (7th grade and up) and adults! We need your help for this year's Vacation Bible School. To join in the fun, please sign up in the Commons! **VBS will be held August 4-7, 2025.**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED**

Sunday morning services (8:30 am and 10:30 am) are livestreamed and available on our YouTube channel. For your convenience, links and bulletins are posted on our webpage - visit [oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship](https://oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship).

# Weekly Calendar

Saturday	May 10	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday	May 11	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship Coffee Hour Youth Connect Worship Kids Connect Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	May 12	8:30am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Sewing Bee Care Team Naomi Circle
Tuesday	May 13	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Pastors Text Study Boy Scouts
Wednesday	May 14	10:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	Second Harvest Knit Wits Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Thursday	May 15	9:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Newsletter Deadline WELCA Board OA
Saturday	May 17	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday	May 18	8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship Coffee Hour Worship Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given today in honor and memory of all Mothers.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

## SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 11:1-18
- Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
- John 13:31-35

## STAY CONNECTED

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