

Let Her Who Bore You Rejoice!

Proverbs 23:25b

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025
10:00 AM

To Visitors and Newcomers: Hello and welcome to St. Thomas. We're glad you're here! Children of all ages are welcome. At the rear of the church there are rocking chairs for use if needed. Also, there is a staffed nursery where children to age 4 may stay for all, or part of the service. To help us get to know you, please fill out a Welcome Card you will find in the Pew. Please come to the parish hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. We invite you to be part of the St. Thomas Church Community!



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HOLY COMMUNION ~ RITE II

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

My Shepherd will Supply my Need

Hymnal #664

1 My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is His Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thy oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LESSON:

Acts 9:36-43

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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 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." 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. 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his 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 spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

EPISTLE:**Revelation 7:9-17**

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.****THE GRADUAL**

The King of Love My Shepherd is

Hymn #645

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

GOSPEL:

John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

THE SERMON

THE 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSiON OF SIN

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Salvation Belongs to Our God

A1 B / A2 B up to* / B plus tag

Adrian Howard and Pat Turner
Em7/D

A

1. Sal - va - tion be - longs - to our _____ God, _____ Who in
2. And we - the re - deemed shall be _____ strong _____ in
C G/B A m7 D G D/F# Em7 E m7 Em7/D

sits up - on the throne, _____ and un - to - the Lamb. -
pur - pose and u - ni - ty, and clar - ing a - loud: -

B

C G/B A m7 G/B F C D sus4 D

Praise and glo - ry, - wis - dom and thanks hon - or and pow - er and strength -
G D C Em7 D G D C Em7 D

be to our God For - ev - er and ev - er, Be to our God For - ev - er and ev - er,
G D C Em7 D G(C at end) * (G)

Be to our God For - ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

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Repeat this bracketed phrase 2 x at the very end as a tag.

Please rise as you are able, as the offering is brought forward

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms

upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Holy Eucharist II

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Agnus Dei Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

S 163

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive communion with us. If you would like to receive a Gluten Free Wafer, please let the celebrant know when you come up. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Psalm 23

VERSE

Stuart Townend



1.The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want. 2.He guides my ways in right-eous - ness, 3.And though I walk the dark - est path, He makes me lie in pas-tures and He a - noints my head with I will not fear the e - vil

green. He leads me by the still, still wa - - - ters, His - oil; And my cup, it o - ver - flows with joy, I - one; For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the

good - ness - re - stores my soul. And I will feast on His pure de - lights. com - fort I need to know.

CHORUS



trust in You a - lone, and I will trust in You a - lone; For Your end - less mer - cy fol - lows me, Your good-ness will lead me home.

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The Lord my God my Shepard is

Hymn #663

1 The Lord my God my shepherd is;
how could I want or need?

In pastures green, by streams serene,
he safely doth me lead.

2 To wholeness he restores my soul
and doth in mercy bless,
and helps me take for his Name's sake
the paths of righteousness.

3 Yea, even when I must pass through
the valley of death's shade,
I will not fear, for thou art here,
to comfort and to aid.

4 Thou hast in grace my table spread
secure in all alarms,
and filled my cup, and borne me up
in everlasting arms.

5 Then surely I can trust thy love
for all the days to come,
that I may tell thy praise, and dwell
for ever in thy home.

Words: Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: Jesse Seymour Irvine (1887)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Are You Washed In The Blood

J=96

VERSE

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1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans - ing pow'r? Are you
2. Are you walk - ing dai - ly by the Sav - ior's side? Are you
3. When the Bride - groom com - eth, will your robes be white? Are you
4. Lay a - side the gar - ments that are stained with sin, and be

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washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you ful - ly trust-ing in His grace this hour? Are you
washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each mo-ment in the Cru - ci - fied? Are you
washed in the blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be read - y for the man-sions bright, and be
washed in the blood of the Lamb. There's a foun-tain flow-ing for the soul un - clean; Oh, be

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CHORUS

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washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you washed in the blood, in the
washed in the blood of the Lamb?
washed in the blood of the Lamb?
washed in the blood of the Lamb!

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soul cleans - ing blood of the Lamb? Are your gar - ments spot - less? Are they

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white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.
Sunday, May 11, 2025 to Saturday, May 17, 2025

Birthdays

11 Brayden Hujet
12 Natalie Bartz
 Tim Rothe
13 MaryBee Engelman
 Riley Webster
14 Scott McNeely
 Randy Williams
16 Karen Powers
17 Mary Beth Olson

Wedding Anniversaries

15 Bruce and Laura Barth
17 Pete and Jessica Zaborski

Faithful Departed

11 Eliza Webster
13 Frank A. Trilling
 Flora Schlegel
 Nellie Payne
14 Terry Proctor
 Betty La Sage
 Jane Gerbrick
15 Ferne Portmann
16 Daniel L. Kimberly
 Marge Gerken

Mission Partners

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
 St. Patrick's Church
Betsy Hake – Honduras
Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

Mission Payer Links

African Medical Mission
Boy Scouts Troop 3
Cub Scouts Pack 3003
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC
 – Chicago
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

Serving in the Military

Auston Allen – Air Force
Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard
James Kopczynski – Army National Guard
Bruce McRae – Army Reserve
Andrew Shaffer - Army
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
Matthew Verich – Navy
KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

Deployed

Humberto Puga – Navy

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ the King, Sturgeon Bay; St. Dunstan's, Madison. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for those involved in Worship including Music Ministers. Chalice bearers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters & Pastoral Care including Prayer Ministers, Prayer chain, Helping Hands, Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

Flowers on the High Altar are given to the greater glory of God and in celebration of our wedding anniversary by Keith and Sandie Umland and in loving memory of Jerry and Nancy Slaasted by Debbie Bergen, Bill Slaasted and Sandie Umland

Lay Ministry	Today	Next Week
Acolytes:	Julie Spanbauer	Wade Lindholm
Eucharistic Team:	Oscar Zaborski	James Miles
Prayer Ministry Team:	Carol Hert	Sandie Umland
Reader:	Bill Barry	
Ushers:	Anne Peterson	Anne Peterson
Preacher:	Fr. John Peterson	Fr. William Johnston
Verger:	Jon Phillip	Barbara Hampton
Altar Guild:	Bill and Barb Barry	Pete and Jessica Zaborski
Vestry Announcements:	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
	Joanne Siracusa, Sherry Morton, Kathy Peterson	Jennie Land, Linda Smith, Sandie Umland, Karen Powers, Beverly Johnston

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