

# *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

May 11, 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship



**Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC**

*Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.*

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*We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.*

*We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.*

*Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God's boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.*

*We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.*

*~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church*

**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR**  
**will immediately follow the service.**

Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in the Narthex.

**This service will be broadcast live on YouTube  
and recorded for later viewing.**  
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## ADULT FORUM & UPCOMING EVENTS

*(For full list of events, see page 20-21.)*

TODAY	No Adult Forum	Mother's Day, Last Day of Sunday School
05/15/2025	Farmers' Market	First Day of Farmers' Market at CPLC Parking Lot
05/18/2025	No Adult Forum	Teacher Recognition Brunch
05/25/2025	No Adult Forum	Memorial Day Weekend



Regular - Liturgist  
**Bold - Congregation**  
✠ - Stand as able



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Robert Hobby

#### WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called (and ordained) minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## ✠OPENING HYMN

**Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!**

**ELW 380**

## ✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

*ELW pg. 193-194*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



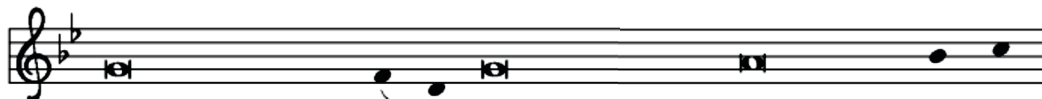
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



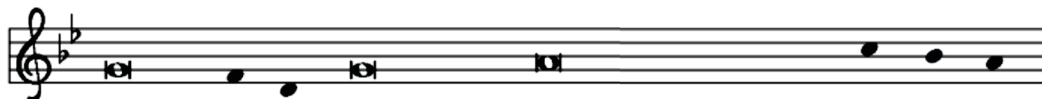
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



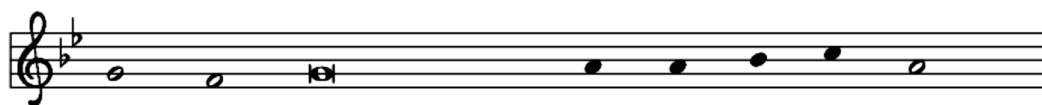
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## ✠GLORY TO GOD

*ELW pg. 195-196*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

## ✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

**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.**

## THE WORD

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

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ✠PSALM 23

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

ELW 782

### SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

<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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ✠GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 198

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## ✠GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Numainville

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

## SERMON

Pastor Martin Ericson

## ✠HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (*vs. 1-5, 7*)

ELW 619

## ✠APOSTLES' CREED

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

... Lord, in your mercy,  
... hear our prayer.

## ✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

## THE MEAL

### OFFERING

Make a Joyful Noise

Helgen

CPLChoir

*Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to [www.ComoParkLutheran.org](http://www.ComoParkLutheran.org) and clicking on the "donate" button. You may also use the giving kiosk in the narthex located by the staircase.*



## ✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ✠THE 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.

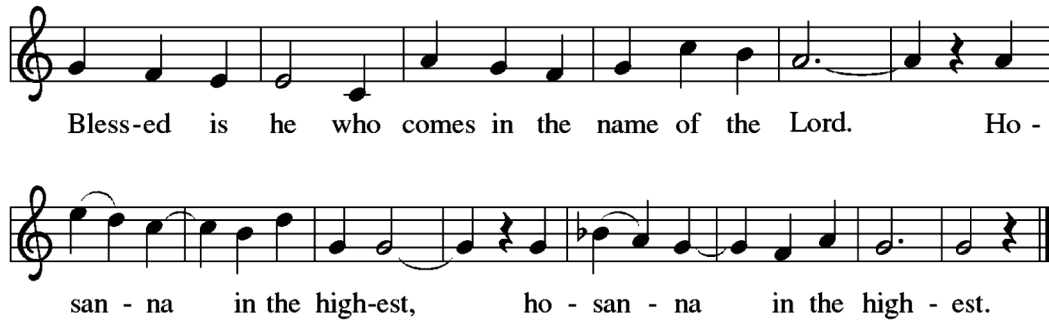
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...  
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ✠HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

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

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



# ✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

# ✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

## LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

*ELW pg. 201*

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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**ELW 502**

### **✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

### **✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing  
heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from  
here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek  
the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **✠BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **✠CLOSING HYMN**

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

**ELW 367**

### **✠DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## POSTLUDE

Finale

Marcel Dupre

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*Please pray for...*

Pam B.	Carol S.
Beth D.	Amy W.
Bill H.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Kathy H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Scott H.	Justin K. (friend of Sandra H.)
Carl J.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Nora J.	Mike W. (friend of Sandra H.)
Ann L.	Paula M.L. (cousin of Jeanette M.N.)
Erik M.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Connie P.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Niko P.	Tommy (former student of Beth S.)
Ruth R.	... and all in need of prayers

*We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.*

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### **Serving in the Military**

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson  
... and all others who serve

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**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.  
This week in worship, we pray for:**

Lois Ann Smith  
Louise Smith  
Carrie Sommerfeld  
James & Mary Sommerfeld  
Rose Sommerfeld  
Beth & John Sousa  
Tom & Deb Spivey, Charlie

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Martin Ericson

**Director of Music Ministry:** Tom Ferry

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

<b>Date</b>	<b>May 11, 2025</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lillian Dullea
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Rosemary Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	David Person
<b>Communion Asst 1</b>	Tom Spivey
<b>Communion Asst 2</b>	Mary Sommerfeld
<b>Greeter</b>	Mark Bly
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Fay Cushman & Barbara Reiter
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Rebecca Numainville
<b>Reader</b>	Mark Bly
<b>Liturgist</b>	Tom Spivey
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 2
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	Fay Cushman
<b>Bus Helper</b>	Shirley Dingman
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Lowell Lundy
<b>Video Tech</b>	Ruth Pechauer

## USHER TEAM

Team 2: Sandra Hirsch, Kevin Johnson, Mark Bly

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 11TH

### SPECIAL EVENTS



**COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET - MAY 15-OCTOBER 30**—We are excited to be partnering with the St. Paul Growers Association—St. Paul Farmers' Market to bring a farmers' market to our Como Park neighborhood! This new market will take place in our **CPLC parking lot** located at 1545 Hamline Ave N, and will be held **every Thursday afternoon from 2-6 PM** from **May 15th through October 30th**. There will be a variety of locally grown and produced food items for sale. This market accepts and provides matching dollars to SNAP/EBT customers. We look forward to seeing you at the market. Visit: [www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - JUNE 16-19**—Kids ages PreK-5th (completed) from our neighborhood and from our congregation are invited to summer Vacation Bible School! We will be partnering with counselors from Camp Onomia to fill the week with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more! Join us on June 16-19 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at CPLC. Cost is \$40 per child (financial assistance available). PreK children must be potty-trained and have experience participating in a class environment. Please bring a bagged lunch. Register by June 2 at: [www.comoparklutheran.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/vacation-bible-school)



### RECURRING EVENTS

**TECH SHADOWS - EVERY SUNDAY**—Come sit with us **any Sunday during worship service in the sanctuary**, and watch the technical side of worship! Find out if you'd like to be a CPLC Tech. Contact [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE - EVERY TUESDAY**—Let's make a difference together by making quilts **every Tuesday at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. At the end of the year, we donate our quilts to homeless shelters. We always accept & appreciate donations (bed sheets, pillow cases, & materials), which can be dropped off at CPLC. Join us whether you know how to sew or not. Contact Jan Lathrop ([janetklathrop@gmail.com](mailto:janetklathrop@gmail.com)).

**TUESDAY FAITH TALK & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**—Join us for a Faith Talk every Tuesday at 9 AM and Bible Study every Thursday at 9 AM in the Fireside Room. To receive our weekly invitation and updates, email Pastor Marty at [ericson@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:ericson@comoparklutheran.org).

**JOYFUL RINGERS & CPLCHOIR REHEARSALS - EVERY WEDNESDAY**—Joyful Ringers rehearse every Wednesday in the sanctuary from 6-7 PM, and ring once a month during Sunday worship service. CPLChoir rehearse every Wednesday in the Choir Room from 7:15 PM to 8:45 PM, sing roughly three out of every four Sundays, and use a sign up system, so that the Music Director knows how many singers will be present each Sunday and plan music accordingly. Newcomers are welcome whether you have experience or not. We learn the music, reading skills, and singing skills by sight and by ear each week during rehearsal. So, come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Contact Tom Ferry at [ferry@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:ferry@comoparklutheran.org).



**CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY**—Confirmation (Grades 7th-8th) meets in the Fireside Room at 7 PM. Youth Group (Grades 9-12) meets in the Youth Room at 7 PM. Contact Pastor Marty at [ericson@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:ericson@comoparklutheran.org) or David Osterhouse at [osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org).



**WOMEN'S CRAFT GROUP - EVERY THIRD THURSDAY**—We will not be gathering in April. We will resume on **May 15**, and then take our summer break afterwards. Join us anytime from **6-8 PM**. If you don't have a current project but just want to come for the social gathering, please join us! All are welcome! Contact Meg Duncan ([melaurak@msn.com](mailto:melaurak@msn.com)) or Cathy Gagné ([cmtm@comcast.net](mailto:cmtm@comcast.net)).

**BUS SERVICES**—If you would like a ride to Sunday worship services, please contact the church office at 651-646-7127 or [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).

**NURSERY ROOM**—Our Nursery Room is available for families with children ages 3 & under. Drop off your children before service, pick them up after service, or join them and enjoy your time in the Nursery Room. The Parents Room is also available.



**MAY 11, 2025**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Shepherd Me, O God*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES**



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you were a shepherd, what do you think your work would include?
- How is Jesus a shepherd for us and how are we shepherds to one another?

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Acts 9:36-43.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is the Good Shepherd Sunday. The theme for this week's scripture readings is shepherding. In John 10:11 Jesus says, "*I am the good shepherd.*" And in John 10:22-30 Jesus speaks of his protection of the sheep in his care. Psalm 23 begins by announcing God as "*my shepherd.*" In Acts 9 we see a woman named Tabitha who has cared for other women, specifically widows. These women are moved to tears by the care and service of Tabitha, also known as Dorcas. She shepherded women through her service without the acknowledgment of being an official servant. The story of Peter bringing Tabitha back to life lifts up the role of Tabitha as a servant to others. This is an honor given by a disciple to a woman in a male dominated culture. This act expands the ministry of the church to other leaders. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, it is a reminder of how we all are called to shepherd one another in faith and love.

*Discuss:* Who can you shepherd in faith and love?

*Pray:* **Living God, we thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and for all those you place in our lives to nurture faith in you and love for all that you have created. Amen.**

**SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what unexpected act of kindness can you do to surprise someone?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



As Tabitha shepherded other women long ago, we have women in our lives who have shepherded us. Today is Mother's Day. It is a time to be thankful for the women in our lives who have guided and shepherded us. Write a list of words that describe a woman in your life who has devoted time to showing care for you. Take a moment to sit quietly and be thankful.

*Pray:* **Lord God, thank you for [name] and for how she has been a gift to my life. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

**MAY 11, 2025  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



*Jesus shepherds us so we can shepherd others.*

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:22-30</b>	<b>Jesus promises life to his sheep</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 9:36-43</b>	<b>Peter brings Dorcas back to life</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 7:9-17</b>	<b>The multitude from every nation</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-31</b>	<b>God, the true shepherd</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Luke 12:22-34</b>	<b>Do not worry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b>	<b>God's people are comforted</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>	<b>Love one another</b>

#### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*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.*  
**Acts 9:36 (NRSV)**

#### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of goodness and mercy, thank you for your shepherding love that leads us to care for one another through Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd. Amen.

**Mealttime Prayer:**

Shepherding God, we thank you that our cup overflows with your never-failing love that pursues us with goodness, mercy, and this gift of food. Amen. (Psalm 23:5-6)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Good Shepherd lead you to shepherd others.



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