

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025 – 8:30 A.M.

*We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.*

*Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.*

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal  
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section  
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**  
\* = Please stand at your discretion*

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## GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Robert Hobby

\*HYMN

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

**ELW # 380**

\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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.**

## WORD

READING

Acts 9:36-43

Michelle Weymouth

<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 (*read responsively with leader*)

Cindy Ververs

<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.**

ANTHEM

“Redeemed!”  
SANCTUARY CHOIR

Butler / arr. Kirkland

\*GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

*Response after the announcement: “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.”

*Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Easter Challenge: Prune”

Pastor Deb Abbott

*Silence for reflection*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

**ELW # 502**

RECEPTION OF NEW PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

p. 234

PRAYERS (*each petition concludes:*)

... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers for healing and strength for:* Warren Salvesson, Rob Dinges, Gary Burnam (Debby Baker’s brother), Spencer Kler (Marilyn Ehn’s brother)

*Prayers of sympathy for the families of:* Steve Hart (Vicki Franek’s brother-in-law)

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE” MOMENT

**MEAL**

\*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.**

*You may text your  
offerings to  
833-931-1874 or through  
this link. Thanks for your  
generosity.*



**\*THE 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.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

**ELW # 778**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING (response: “Amen!”)**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

**ELW # 544**

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “Thanks be to God!”)**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

arr. David Cherwien

***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for complimentary coffee and cookies following worship.***

***You may contact the church office at 970-352-4816 if you have specific needs or prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.***

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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