

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *The Lord’s My Shepherd* DUBOIS

**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 Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.*

*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, make us one as you are one.*

*We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.*

*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, make us one as you are one.*

*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. Amen.*

**HYMN** TFF 97 (Page 11) *I Heard an Old, Old Story (Victory in Jesus)* HARTFORD

**GREETING**

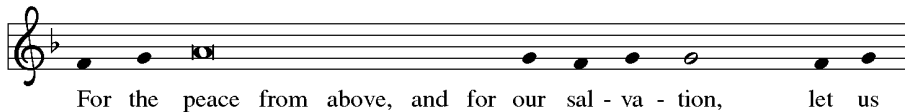
*Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit with you all. And also with you.*

# KYRIE



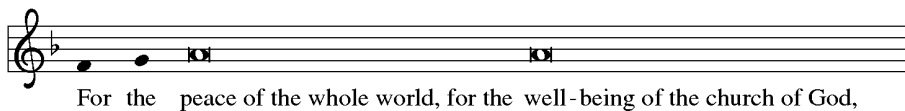
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



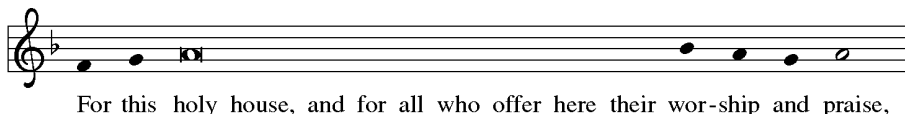
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy 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.**

# WORTHY IS CHRIST

*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. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



2 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.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray together. 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.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 9: 36-43

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<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 #780 *Shepherd Me, O God*

(cantor sings verses, congregation sings refrain)

*Refrain*  
All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life. life.

## SENIOR CHOIR (10:45): *The Lamb* arr. HAYES

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

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

<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 ACCLAMATION

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*The Holy Gospel according to John.*    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: John 10: 22-30

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<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.**

**SERMON**    *Rev. Christian Dittmar, Assisting Pastor*

**HYMN**    #778    *The Lord’s My Shepherd*    BROTHER JAMES’ AIR

## APOSTLES’ CREED

*With voices united, let us confess our faith*

**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

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

*...Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*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. Amen.*

YOUTH SKIT (10:45)

*Toaster Intelligence*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *Offertory in E Flat* DUBOIS

OFFERTORY #692 *We Are an Offering* OFFERING

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,  
we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours:  
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

*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. Amen.*

## 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

*It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*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

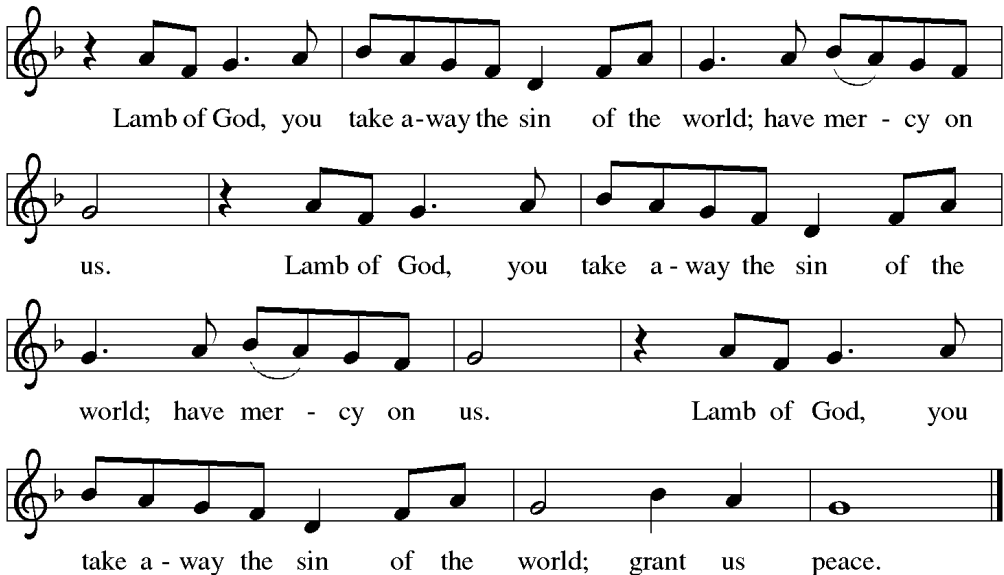
*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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

*Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Let us pray. 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. Amen.*

## 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 (Page 12) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER**

## 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 *Praising!* MARTIN**

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# Victory In Jesus

E.M. Barlett

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1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from  
heard a-bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re -

4  
glo - ry, How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like  
veal - ing, How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to

8  
me: I heard a-bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a -  
see; And then I cried "dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken

12  
ton - ing, Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry. O  
spir - it," And some-how Je - sus came and bro't to me the vic - to - ry.

17  
vic-to-ry in Je-sus, my Sav-ior, for - ev-er, He sought me and bo't me with

23  
His re-deem-ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is

28  
due Him, He plunged me to vic-to-ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come\_ down,  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lo - ving\_ Spi - rit in - to e - very trou - bled\_ breast;  
3 Come, al - migh - ty to de - li - ver, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
4 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us\_ be;

fix in us thy hum - ble\_ dwel - ling, all thy faith - ful mer - cies\_ crown.  
let us all in thee in - he - rit, let us find the pro - mised\_ rest.  
sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples\_ leave.  
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in\_ thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - boun - ded love thou\_ art;  
Take a - way the love of\_ sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga\_ be;  
Thee we would be al - ways\_ bles - sing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
changed from glo - ry in - to\_ glo - ry, till in heaven we take our\_ place,

vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter e - very trem - bling\_ heart.  
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at li - ber - ty.  
pray and praise thee with - out\_ ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect\_ love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and\_ praise.



**Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45**

**Sunday School 9:30**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

### **Welcome to First Lutheran Church.**

During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference

**WE ASK EVERYONE** to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. There are activity bags for our young worshippers. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given to the Glory of God by Cheryl Everett, in loving memory of her grandmothers, Clara & Hazel, and mother, Jean Ann.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Sr. Choir for their contribution to our worship at the 10:45 service, singing *The Lamb*.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION** for providing rooms to house the Cardinal Chorale for an evening concert during their June tour. Last year the chorale joined us for a Sunday service and this year we are able to be part of their tour again, but we will be having a complete concert in our church. Right now, it looks like we will host this choir on June 10 and 11, with the concert on Tuesday, June 10 right here in our sanctuary. Mark your calendars and share the date and event with friends. Worship and Music Committee

**DON'T FORGET!** The youth will be having youth group TONIGHT at 5pm! We have been so thankful for the support the congregation has given to our youth events!

**RACHEL CIRCLE** will have their spring luncheon at the Toasted Yolk on Tuesday, May 13th at 11:30am.

**THE 2025 FLOWER CHART** is up in the hallway, across from the church office. There is a full year of Sundays that need flowers to brighten not only the altar, but also either your home or the home of a shut-in. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

**THE OLD MILLSTREAM RINGERS**, (of which Diane Adler is a member) are celebrating 25 years! There will be a Silver Celebration performance at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 800 S. Main St here in Findlay, on May 17th at 4pm.

**HELP IS NEEDED ON TUESDAY** afternoons from 4:15 or at least by 5:15 to pick up the donation from Riehm Farms. The donation box can be picked up and given to City Mission, CHOPIN Hall or used by the volunteer picking up the donation box. Please consider helping with this project. It takes only a few minutes. If you have any questions. Call Carolyn Bryant, 567-232-0160.

**SEARCHING FOR USHERS!!** Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and be sure to sign up if you're available! It's a wonderful way to meet new people and show our community what a welcoming church we are!

**SEVERE STORMS, HURRICANES, AND NATURAL DISASTERS** across the United States have left many without power and/or without homes. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone. Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need. There are Lutheran Disaster Response envelopes in the narthex or you may mark your gift Lutheran Disaster Response.

**A CARD WRITING MINISTRY** has been set up on a table outside the Narthex! The Social Ministry Committee encourages everyone to write a note to an At-Home member, to a member having a birthday, or just to someone you haven't seen in a while! Addresses for At-Home members and a list of monthly birthdays is available on the table. If you put the card in the basket available, the mailing will be handled by the office!