

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025 9:00 am



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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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, 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,

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

P 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,

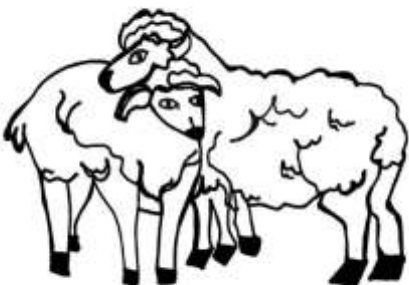
C **make us one as you are one.**

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 SONG

Here I Am To Worship

(as published by Survivor)

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS



You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.



say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

BRIDGE

Sing twice after 2nd chorus.



And I'll nev - er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross.

Back to chorus.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- C 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.

Please be seated.

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.

R ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ 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." ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

R ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

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

C 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.**

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

C ⁶ **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 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.

R ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ 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, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ 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.”

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C **Praise 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.

P ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Lagerstam

Please rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW768

Lead me guide me a - long the way; for if you
lead me I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me
I am weak and I need thy strenth and pow'r
Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness
I am lost if you take your hand from me,
to help me o - ver my weak - est hour
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press
I am blind with - out thy light to see.
Help me through the dark-nes thy face to see
I am put - ting all my trust in thee
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be
lead me, O Lord, lead me

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**



Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.

R 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.

R You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

R You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

R 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.

P 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 Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, June Chadwick, Marie McCoy, Tim Lothe, Bill Schmidt, Pat McCallum, Cherise Henry, Mary Brantmeyer, friends and family of Tina Lee, friends and family of Mark Henry, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P 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, your beloved child. 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

By His Grace

Sing Twice

Words and Music by

Steve Fry

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "By His grace I am re - deemed, by His blood I am made clean; And I now can know Him face to face. By His pow'r I have been raised, hid - den now in Christ by faith; I will praise the glo - ry of His grace." The score ends with a long note on the word "grace" followed by a line.

By His grace I am re - deemed, by His blood I am made clean; And I now can
know Him face to face. By His pow'r I have been raised, hid - den now in
Christ by faith; I will praise the glo - ry of His grace. _____

Please rise.

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 God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Because He Lives

Words by
William J. Gaither
and Gloria Gaither

(as published by Gaither Music Company)

Music by
William J. Gaither

VERSE

1. God sent His Son— They called Him Je - sus; He came to love,
 2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by, and feel the pride
 3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -

heal and for - give. He bled and died to buy my
 and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -
 nal war with pain. And then, as death gives way to

par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause Christ lives.
 vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

CHORUS

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He

lives, all fear is gone. Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.**

BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Hear Our Praises

Words and Music by
Reuben Morgan

1. May our homes be filled with danc - ing,
2. May our light shine in the dark - ness,

may our streets be filled with joy; May in - jus -
as we walk be - fore the cross; May Your glo -

tice bow to Je - sus, as the peo - ple turn and pray.
ry fill the whole earth, as the wa - ter o - ver the seas.

CHORUS

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "The Valley of the Lord." It consists of two systems of music. The first system features a vocal melody on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B-flat4. The lyrics "From the moun - tain to the val - ley," are written below the staff. The second system continues the melody with a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F5. The lyrics "prais - es rise to You; From the heav - ens to the" are written below the staff. The third system shows the melody continuing with a quarter note G5, a half note A5, a quarter note B-flat5, and a half note C6. The lyrics "na - tions, hear our sing - ing fill the air." are written below the staff. The score is presented in a clear, black-and-white format, suitable for printing and use in a church service.

From the moun - tain to the val - ley,

prais - es rise to You; From the heav - ens to the

na - tions, hear our sing - ing fill the air.

After verse 2 - sing this twice

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Back to Chorus

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday there will be a “Pulpit Swap.” Please welcome Pastor Carol Baumgartner, Interim Pastor at Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran Church. Pastor Bryan will worship with our friends at NGMLC.

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!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God’s grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card
and place it in the offering plate if
you are communing today.*

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Family and Friends of Tina Lee

Family and Friends of Mark Henry

Lisa Thompson

Marie McCoy

Bill Schmidt

Tim Lothe

Mary Brantmeyer

Mark Gehrke

June Chadwick

Pat McCallum

Cherise Henry

Congregational Opportunities

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will be on hiatus until Wednesday, September 3.

QUILTING: Every Wednesday at 9:00am

BAND PRACTICE: Will be on hiatus for the summer.

JAM: Every Wednesday at 6:00pm at NGMLC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

CALL TO ACTION

May Food Pantry Focus: May focus is “Household Supplies,” such as paper towel, foil, plastic wrap, paper plates, baggies, plastic cups, toilet paper, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you’d like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month

THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Wednesday, May 14	Quilting, 9:00am Men's Breakfast, 9:00am BLCW Meeting, 10:00am BLCW Lunch, 11:30am	JAM, 6:00pm
Sunday, May 18	Pulpit Swamp - Worship, 9:00am	Confirmation, 5:30pm at NGMLC

WORSHIP LEADERS

	May 11 - 9:00am Service	May 18 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Gloria Lundquist
Music Leaders	Praise Band	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
Communion Asst	Jean Schnick	Sharon Hughes
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Barb Hennings	Tim Wachs
Usher Team	Steve & Donna Frederick	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon
Coffee Hour	Donuts	Donuts
Counters	Deb Brown Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes Jan Peterson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	33
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