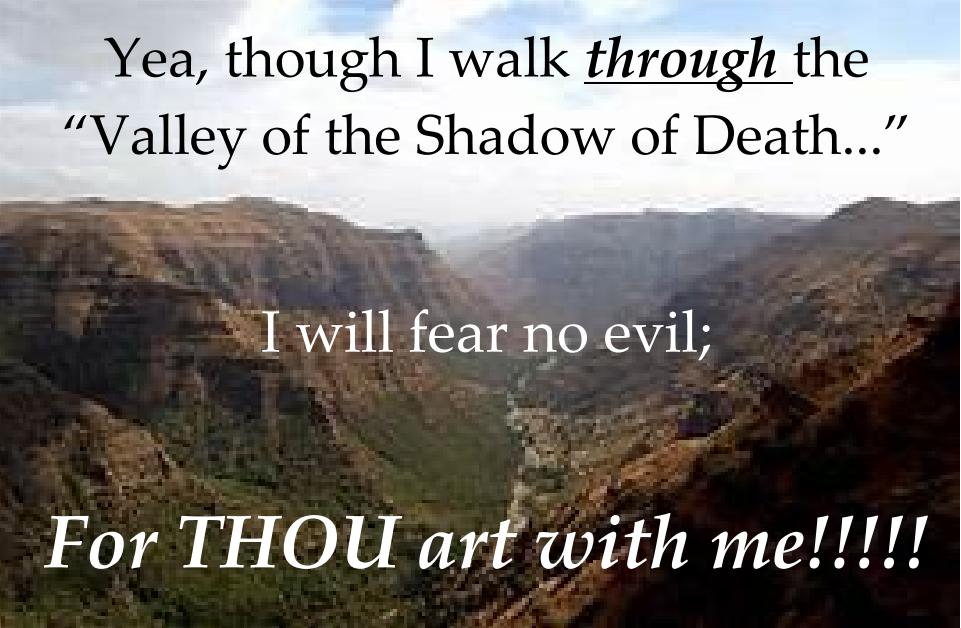


Fifth Sunday of

Easter!!!!



Yea, though I walk *through* the
“Valley of the Shadow of Death...”

I will fear no evil;

For THOU art with me!!!!

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 11 May 2025

Worship: 10.00am

THE GATHERING

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests
{Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it...
Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised!
O sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the Earth!
Sing, and give praise to God's Name!
Tell the GOOD NEWS of salvation from day to day!

HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

#504

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open and all desires {whether for good or for ill} are known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: we ask that You cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled thereby to love You perfectly in spite of our multitude of flaws, and that we might worthily Magnify and Glorify Your Holy Name. We know that we are unworthy to approach You, or to ask anything at all of You; nevertheless, we pray that through Christ our Lord, the LIGHT of the hearts that seek you, the LIFE of the souls that love You, and the GUIDER of Creation, that You grant us absolution for our sins and that You allow us to stand fast in You forever; grant us Your grace and blessings. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the GOOD NEWS! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a New Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that, through the Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, freely given, without earning it, you are forgiven. Give thanks - and be at peace...AMEN

Holy Scripture

EPISTLE READING - 1 Peter 2:19-25 [NRSV]

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth." When He was abused, He did not return abuse; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but he entrusted Himself to the one who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The LORD is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
"Valley of the Shadow of Death"
I will fear no evil;
For Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil
and my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my life
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

GOSPEL LESSON - John 10:1-10 [NRSV]

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I AM the gate for the sheep. All who came before Me are

thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I AM the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "It Wasn't Mary's Little Lamb..." Pastor Larry

CONFession OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible; and in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made...Who, for our salvation, came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made Man; [He] was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried; the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father; He shall come again with Glory, to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. I believe in one Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER

HYMN

"Higher Ground"

#447

The Eucharist

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 Him thanks and praise...

You called us to love and worship You as our God. You made the holy union of husband and wife a sign of Your covenant with Your people. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name: love and serve You, but we turned against You to follow our own ways. Yet You did not forsake us, for Your love is unfailing in every age. You bound Yourself to us with a covenant, claiming us as Your people, and promising faithfulness singing:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let Earth receive her King!
Let Every heart, prepare Him room;
And Heaven and Nature sing;
And Heaven and Nature sing;
And Heaven, and Heaven, and Nature sing!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray...

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; forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for
Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory,
forever. AMEN.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

HYMN

"He Lives"

#526

THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please give any prayer requests to Pastor Larry.

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Happy Mother's Day!!!

**There is a "Desert Rose" plant for every lady of the church.
Please take one as you leave...**