



# Pilgrim Lutheran Church

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### May 11, 2025

*Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior*

#### **Introduction and Announcements**

*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.*

#### **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 all 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**

#### **Gathering Song**

*For All the Faithful Women (v.1, 10, 2, last)*

**ELW 419**

#### **Gathering**

ELW p.147

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!**

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

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.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Readings**

**First Reading: Acts 9:36-43**

**Courtney Dietsche**

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**Psalm 23**

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<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.**

**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.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW 172**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!  
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Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Gospel: John 10:22-30**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*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.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

**ELW 789**

**The Nicene Creed**

ELW p.104

**Prayers of the People**

P: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Be Not Afraid!*

**ELW 388**

Be not afraid! Sing out for joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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**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. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

**Thanksgiving at the Table** (*sung*)

The Lord be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p.153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

ELW p.154

*All are welcome at God's table of grace. Today we will receive communion via intinction.*

*At the usher's direction, come forward and receive the bread, then dip your wafer into the red wine or the white grape juice. Gluten free elements are available. You may also come for a blessing – simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward.*

**Communion Music**

*Lamb of God*

ELW p.154

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

**ELW 469**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

**ELW 780**

**Blessing of the Meal**

**Prayer after Communion**

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.**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

**Sending Song**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

**ELW 768**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to worship this morning!** We're so glad you're here. If you are new or a visitor here today, please take a moment to fill out the info card in the pew and drop that into the offering plate as it comes by. You can also use this card to submit any prayer requests you have.

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*Choir Director: Curt Hanson      High School Youth Leader: Noah Holland*

*SAM – Jenny Dudderar*

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**We need your help!** We have two new sign up sheets in the narthex. One is for Greeters and the other is for Worship assistants. Can you help? Thank you in advance!

**Sunday Evening Prayer:** Can't make Sunday mornings? A Sunday night service here at Pilgrim just for you. It's a great way to start your week with a calming and peaceful service to quiet your mind and talk to God. We are back to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Beach Cleanup at WI Point:** Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lot #1, Wisconsin Point Road, Superior, WI. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Help us keep Wisconsin Point beaches free from trash. There is a QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board to register or online to [lakesuperiornerr.org](http://lakesuperiornerr.org).

Callie Grones, an AmeriCorps member who service the Community Outreach Coordinantor for the Friends of the Lake Superior Reserve will give a brief overview today. Check out local art by Michael Anderson in the narthex.

**VBS Planning meeting** at 6:30 p.m. on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Concordia Lutheran Church.

**A reminder:** If you or someone you know is in the hospital and you'd like Pastor Tanner to visit or call, please let the church office know. Federal law prohibits hospitals from calling the church and letting us know that you are ill, even if you've indicated who your church is on your forms. Thank you!

**Sunday Night Suppers** Join us on Sunday evenings for a **Community Meal at 5:30.** We are excited to open the doors to anyone who would like to join us for food and fellowship every Sunday here at Pilgrim.

**Adult Education:** We are excited to offer a new opportunity for learning together with an Adult Ed class on Sunday evenings at 6:00. Come for the community meal at 5:30 and stick around to learn and discover together. Topics will range for biblical studies to theology, faith traditions to catechism.

**Have you connected with us online?** Be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook and 'Subscribe' to our YouTube channel. Just jump on those platforms and search for 'Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Superior'. You can also visit our website for updates and events: [www.plcsuperior.org](http://www.plcsuperior.org)

**PrayGround:** Here at Pilgrim, everyone is welcome and wanted in worship. We love having children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front of the sanctuary on the right side that is our designated PrayGround, where kids can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn, and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit where children can see them while they are using the PrayGround, in case they need assistance.

**Coins for the Community.** We are going to continue collecting spare change for The Ruth House for May. The needs there are great. Remember every little amount makes a big difference. Thank you for your support!

Also on the table by the coins we are collecting pop tops. They will be going to the Ronald McDonald house in Duluth. These go to the funding of having families stay with their kids while they are in the hospital. It means so much to be able to have your family with you when you are going through medical things. Let's fill up the jars.

**Food & Friends Class *Mothers Day Edition*** on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. here at Pilgrim. Visit [livewellnorthernwi.org/calendar](http://livewellnorthernwi.org/calendar) to register. Limited to 20 participants.

## **Pilgrim Spring Clean-up!!**

Friday and Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Will be from 9:00 – Noon both days.  
*There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.*

If you want to get a head-start, have a pet-project of your own, and/or can't make the designated clean-up dates, check with council for a list of actions needed.

Thank-you, thank-you, thank you!

**Helpers for next Sunday, May 18**

Ushers – **Team 3:** Jeffrey Gronski, Capt; Roger Breitzmann and Gary Blaisdell

Sound system – Jamie

Worship Asst. – Don Miller

Altar Guild: Sandy and Theresa

Hospitality: Elaine Arnovich / Ted Nelson

Greeter - Sandy Breitzmann



**To all types of mothers!**

Thank you to all Moms and special like moms. There are those aunties and other women in our lives that hold a very special and dear spot in our hearts.

We are blessed to have all of you in our lives.

We wish all of you a Happy Day.

You are special in someone's life.



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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8:00 - Noon

Ages 4k thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Open to the community

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Concordia Lutheran Church

1708 John Ave

**REGISTER  
NOW!**



Ushers – **Team 2:** Tad Matheson, Capt.; Clyde Johnson, Mary Matheson and Joan Altman  
 Sound system – Max Worship Asst. – Courtney Dietsche  
 Altar Guild: Elaine & Mary Hospitality: Mary Matheson  
 Greeter - Eileen Ward

Monday - 6:30 – VBS Planning at Concordia Lutheran church

Wednesday – 9:00-Noon Archives Team Meeting  
4:00 Confirmation Class  
4:15-8:00 Eliza’s classes  
4:45 - Girl Scouts  
6:00 Theology on Tap (here at Pilgrim)

Thursday – 8:00-8:45, 3:15-5:00 Eliza's classes  
 No Bible Study  
 5:00 CHIMS mtg at Our Savior's  
 5:45 Martial Arts Class  
**Progress Articles Due**

Friday - 2:30-8:00 Eliza's classes

Saturday      8:00-10:00 Martial Arts class  
                     9:30 – Noon - Beach Cleanup at WI Point Lot #1  
                     10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Food and Friends Class *Mother's Day Edition* –  
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Next Sunday –      9:30 Worship  
                              10:15 Sunday School  
                              4:00 NA Group  
                              5:30 Community Meal (free)  
                              6:00 Adult Ed class  
                              6:30 Evening Worship



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**Courtney Dietsche**

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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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

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and leads me be- | side still waters.**

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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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Please Read:** Please stand for the Gospel as you are able

**May 11, 2025**

**Pastor Tanner**

**C: 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.*

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**