

**SUNDAY- MAY 11, 2025 -9:00 AM**

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love  
with all people.*



MINISTERS  
PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH  
JOHN TWITON

**WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 4th Sunday of Easter | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

## PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude  
for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

**WELCOMING WORD** *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.*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #789 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**BAPTISM OF LANDON ALLEN SHERVEN (insert)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of peace,

**C: 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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: “Take Up Your Cross”  
“Power of Your Love”**

## FIRST READING - Acts 9:36-43

<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.

## **SECOND READING: Psalm 23 (read responsively)**

<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.**

## **+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)**

**(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 10,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

## **GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

<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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "O Lord God"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor John Twiton

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**# 798** *"Will You Come and Follow Me (vs.1,2,4,5)"*

**GRADUATION BLANKET PRESENTATION & BLESSING**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**BENEVOLENCE PRESENTATION – Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

**OFFERING – Music by Praise Team: "Good, Good Father"**

**OFFERTORY #186** *"Create in me...."*

**THE PRAYERS** (pg. 143)

(As the leader concludes each petition with the words:

"Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**")

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER** (pg. 145) (right hand column)

**SENDING**

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**+BLESSING**

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

**C: Amen.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**# 611** *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

**+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***"I am God's child, deserving of love and respect,  
and God will use me to change the world."***

***If you would like more information about ELC of Mount Horeb  
please fill out the visitor cards in the pew pads  
which are passed during offering.***

## **MT HOREB HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

Congratulations to the following seniors, who are graduating this year. Wishing you many blessings ahead.

**Owen Aeschlimann** - attending UW-Whitewater

**Ryan Bredeson** - attending UW Whitewater

**Abbey Brummer** - attending Edgewood University

**Alexandria Grundahl** - attending Iowa State University

**Logan Heiting** - attending UW Stevens Point

**Christopher Kiel** - attending North Dakota State University in Fargo

**Skylaar Killinger** - attending UW Eau-Claire

**Colin Larson** - attending Madison College

**Ellie Larson** - attending UW-LaCrosse

**Siobhan Mertz** - attending the University of Wisconsin

**Olivia Parks** - attending Edgewood University

**Isaac Schloesser** - attending UW-Stout

**Nyaah Schloesser** - attending Edgewood University

**Aidan Scudder** - attending Madison College

**Joseph Scudder** - will be working at Miller's full time

**Wyatt Van Ooyen** - attending UW La Crosse

**Alexa Vesely** - attending the University of Iowa

## **COLLEGE GRADUATES:**

Congratulations to the following college graduates. Wishing you many blessings in your future endeavors.

**Calina Ackerman** - BS in Kinesiology, University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Eric Albrecht** - Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Ethan Frank** - BSW degree in Social Work, UW Eau Claire

**Andrew Kellesvig** - Graduated from Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, 2025

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Psalm 100, We are God's sheep

**Tuesday,** Acts 9:32-35, The healing of paralyzed Aeneas

**Wednesday,** Jeremiah 50:17-20, Israel will be fed

**Thursday,** Psalm 148, God's splendor is over earth and heaven

**Friday,** Daniel 7:13-14, An everlasting dominion is given

**Saturday,** Luke 6:12-16, Jesus calls the Twelve

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me." –  
John 10:27**

*As he has many times before, Jesus explains his relationship with those who follow him as a shepherd caring for their sheep. It is a relationship based on trust and reliance. It is in this relationship that Christ promises eternal life.*

- What do you think it means for Christ to be a shepherd? (John 10:27)
- How are we able to hear the Shepherd's voice among all of the noise of daily life? (John 10:27)
- What does it mean to be a part of Jesus' flock? (Psalm 23)

**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.

**BLESS:** God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever. Amen.