

Daily readings for May 11 through May 17, 2025

Mon 5/12	Tues 5/13	Wed 5/14	Thu 5/15	Fri 5/16	Sat 5/17
Psalm 100	Psalm 100	Psalm 100	Psalm 148	Psalm 148	Psalm 148
Ezekiel 37:15-28	Ezekiel 45:1-9	Jeremiah 50:17-20	Ezekiel 2:8—3:11	Daniel 7:13-14	Daniel 7:27
Revelation 15:1-4	Acts 9:32-35	John 10:31-42	Revelation 10:1-11	Revelation 11:15	Revelation 11:16-19

Serving in Worship in May

	5/4/25	5/11/25	5/18/25	5/25/25
Greeter/Usher	Phyllis Ruse	Jeff Dombroski	Woody Gingery	Bob Soles
Lector	Diana Williams	Chris Eash	Alta Johnson	Larry Cohol
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer	Chris Eash	Art Thomas	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash
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A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

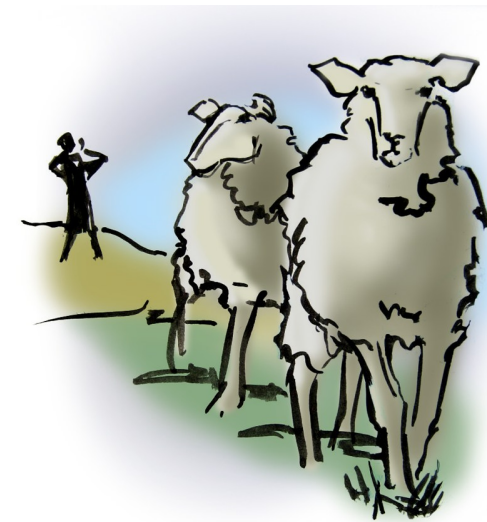
Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:15 a.m.



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.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Donald Busarow

Please stand.

Thanksgiving fo Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen**

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Gathering Hymn **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** **ELW 414**

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.**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Alta Johnson in honor of Jeff and Derek Rogue's 9th anniversary on May 15th.

Evening prayer continues on Wednesday evenings through the end of May.

Morning Prayer will continue on Fridays through the end of May.

Bible Study continues on Wednesdays. We are continuing our study on Exodus.

Men's Rally in the Valley This year's Rally in the Valley is on May 24 at Stambaugh Auditorium. Doors open at 8:00 am.

Book study on Bonhoffer's "Life Together" continues on Wednesday at 7 pm at Zion in Youngstown. Pastor Becky will lead the discussion on Chapter 3.

You will have a smile on your face as you join us for a fun-filled evening bidding on some amazing gifts and prizes! Grab some friends and make a night of it! If you've never been to a quarter action before make this your first time. We are looking forward to a great turnout to support Camp Frederick. This is our annual fundraiser that supports camp and allows us to get as many kids to camp as possible. All are welcome for this amazing night of fellowship! You may also bring your own snacks/beverages to share at your table. **BRING YOUR OWN QUARTERS! THIS IS AN ADULT-ONLY BYOB EVENT! *THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE IN THE COVERED PAVILION!*** *Please dress for the weather!* The \$12 admission price is for online pre-ordered sales only! If any seats are available that night they will be \$20 at the door. Additional pre-ordered bidding paddles are available on this site for \$6 **with the purchase of admission** or they will also be sold during the event for \$10 All in Paddle – Doors open at 5:00 pm with Auction starting at 6:00 pm. For more information please scan the QR code.

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Scan for May Calendar

Mahoning County Lutheran Ascension Worship at Zion Lutheran Church in Youngstown. May 29 at 7 PM.

Communion Distribution Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843

Anthem The King of Love My Shepherd Is Eugene Englert

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

Prayer after Communion

P 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.
C Amen.

Sending Hymn For All Your Saints, O Lord ELW 427

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.
C Amen.

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!

Postlude Fanfare Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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This is the Feast

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.

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 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. 3 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.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

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.

Invitation to Communion

P 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.

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe....
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as
we proclaim the mystery of life.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.
C **Come Holy Spirit.**
P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...
...Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P With your holy ones of all times and all places...
...we praise you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.
C **Amen**

WORD

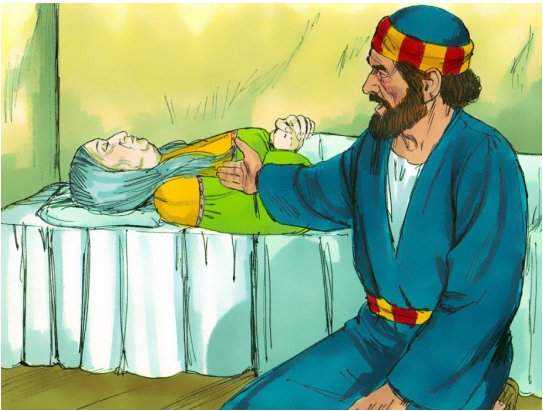
First Reading

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.

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.

C Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 23

Musical notation for Psalm 23, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a single staff, and the lyrics are printed below it.

The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- 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.
- 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. R



MEAL

Offering Response

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

Be Not Afraid

Musical notation for the Offering Response, featuring a treble and bass clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on two staves, and the lyrics are printed below it.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Dialogue

- 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 our thanks and praise.

P 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 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.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

Please be seated.

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.

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.”

Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 10:22-30

P The holy gospel according to John.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

Apostles’ Creed

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 life everlasting. Amen

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.

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.
P 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.
P 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.
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 those we name before you now out loud or in our hearts.

Martha Baluck, Fr. Michael Balash, Cheryl Conti, Barb Drotleff, Chris Eash, Jackie Eash, Madolyn Elder, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Diane Malloy, Craig Miller, Janet Moucha, Marge Pancher, Bob Titus, David Titus, Kay Welch.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days.
If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

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