OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Fourth Sunday after Easter

May 11th, 2025

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: To you, O God, C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC 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.

WORD

First Reading – Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

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.

³You 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.

- ⁵You 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.

Second Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – C: Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

Gospel – John 10:22-30

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 190

P: we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

C: Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

The Lord's Prayer– ELW pg. 112

P: Let us pray together.

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Communion (All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as they feel comfortable. Wine and grape juice (middle of tray) and bread or gluten free options are available. If you are unable to stand, please indicate if you wish to participate from your pew.)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING Announcements Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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	WORSHIP LEADERS
Presiding	Rev. Peter Zimmer
Lector	Lisa Krebs
Communion Assistant	Louise Ewen

OSLC Calendar of Events:

May 11, 2025- 9:45 AM- Holy Communion worship service May 18, 2025 – No in-person worship service May 25, 2025 – 9:45 AM – traditional worship May 25, 2025- 11:00 AM- Explore Worship June 1, 2025- 9:45 AM- Holy Communion worship service

Youth Group: Every Sunday, 5:00-8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29.

Loose Threadz (Quilters) Every Tuesday, 9:30-3:30PM- in church basement. Contact church for details.

Church keys- As we prepare to move out of our building, we will need to collect any outstanding keys to the church internal and external doors. All keys must be turned in by **June 16th** unless told otherwise. Please organize with the church office or Joan to turn in your keys.

Office Hours- During the months of May and June, Vic will be working full-time Tuesday through Saturday as office administrator. Please contact by phone to organize access to the church as office hours may vary.

Becky Woollam- The church extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Becky Woollam on her passing. Funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as they are made available.

OPEN HOUSE/GATHERING – SAVE THE DATE- June 7th, 2025- Details to follow.

Hi Everyone,

We are having an Open House on June 7th at the church. This will be an opportunity to view church photos, share memories and enjoy some appies. If you have photos that you would like to share please have them at the church by Wednesday May 14th. If you need them back please put your name on the back. They can be dropped off at the church Sunday 9-12 or Wednesday 10-12.

Thanks Louise Ewen

Offering / Giving:

Thank you to those who so generously give of their time, talents and gifts. We provide several options for you to contribute. If you require a charitable tax receipt for your donation, please contact the church office at <u>oslcospika@gmail.com</u> or 250-564-4336 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt and an envelope number. Tax receipts are issued by February of each year for the previous year.

Giving may be made in the following ways:

- Electronic transfer to <u>oslcdonation@gmail.com</u> Please provide your envelope number and the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in church mailbox or donated during Sunday worship service. Please provide: envelope number, if you have one; purpose of donation.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday morning worship service or during office hours. Place in envelope with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- OSLC website: Canada Helps: <u>Donate Now Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince</u> <u>George (canadahelps.org)</u> – Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then

calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

SECOND READING – Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They 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."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁶They 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."

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING - John 10:22-30

C: Glory To You, O Lord

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.²⁴So 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. $^{\rm 30}\, The$ Father and I are one."

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ