**Order of Service May 11, 2025—Barb Krug, SAM**

**Easter 4/ COMMUNION**

**Easter Shout of Joy:** *(Barb Krug, SAM)*

 P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

 **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Announcements, Concerns, Joys** *(Rick)*

**Call to Worship**  *(Rick)* **Psalm 23 (Read responsively)** pew Bible p.862

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

*This is used during the season of Easter instead of the Confession*

P: In the name of +the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C:** **Amen**.

P: baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism

*(Water may be poured before or during the Thanksgiving)*

P: 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,

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: 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.

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers 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.

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: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.

**C: Amen.**

\***Gathering Hymn** *Praise and Thanks and Adoration* LBW #470

 HP #1814

**\*Kyrie** (response: **Lord, have mercy**) LBW p.78

**\*Prayer of the Day: 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.**

**Recognition/Blessing of Our GENEROSITY HERO—Marion Werner**

*Marion was nominated by Mark & Bonnie Bargender, and selected as a Generosity Hero as part of a National Volunteer Week Celebration. In recognition Thrivent will make a $500 donation to St. John ELCA of Edgar. Blessings & Congratulations Marion!*

*YOUR presence strengthens the ministry of St. John. Thank you so much!*

**Children’s Time** *Children will be dismissed to their classes*

**Sharing the Peace**  *(Spoken only, refrain from shaking hands)*

**Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving**

 **Offering Prayer**

P: 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 this world**. C:** **Amen.**

**A reading from Acts, the 9th chapter (9:36-43)** *(Reader: Cindy)* pew Bible, p.1708

 (after each reading, “The word of the Lord.” **“Thanks be to God!”**

**A reading from Revelation, the 7th chapter (7:9-17)** *(Reader: Cindy)*pew Bible, p.1921

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.  *Alleluia*.** *(John 10:14)*

**\*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter (10:22-30)** pew Bible, p. 1667

 Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

 After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon/Homily**

**\*Hymn of the Day** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*LBW #481

 HP #1267

**\*The Creed** LBW, p. 85

**\*The Prayers of Intercession** (Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.)

**\*Communion** *(Assistant: Cindy)*

 The Great Thanksgiving LBW, p.88

 Holy, Holy, Holy LBW, p.89

 The Lord’s Prayer LBW, p. 91

 Lamb of God LBW, p.92

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: 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.**

**\*Blessing**

P: 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.**

\***Sending Hymn** *Praise and Thanksgiving* LBW #409

 HP #1753

**\*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!**