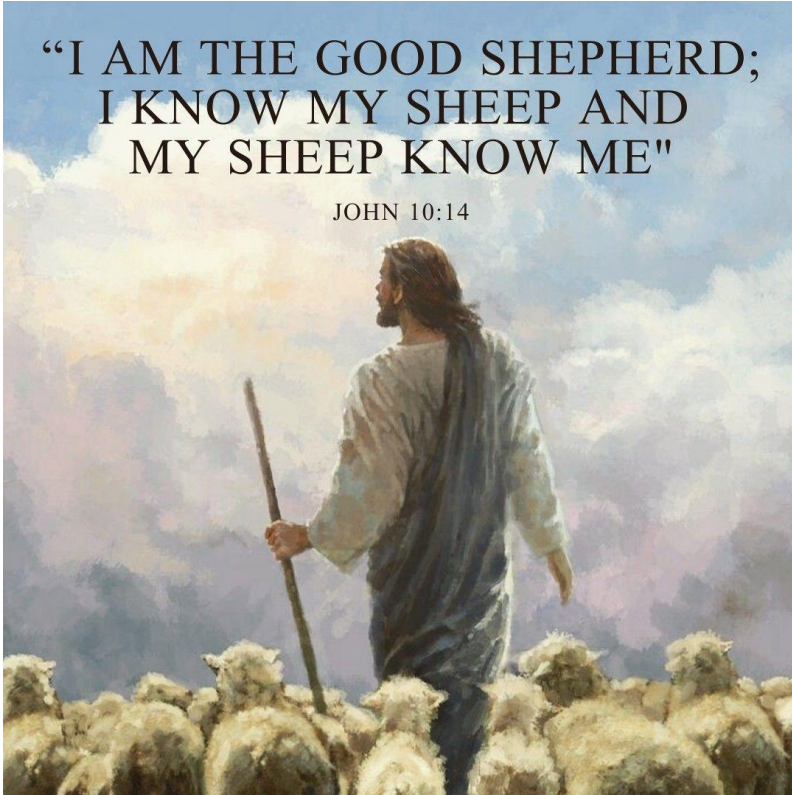


St.
Thaddeus
Episcopal Church



“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD;
I KNOW MY SHEEP AND
MY SHEEP KNOW ME”

JOHN 10:14




The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
May 11, 2025
11:15 AM

Loving God ♦ Serving Others ♦ Living Our Faith

Welcome to St. Thaddeus

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! This service is but a small part of the continual prayer and praise offered to God by Christians at every hour and in every part of the world. At times, it may feel as if you are dropping in on a conversation already in progress between God and God’s people, which continues unto the ages. Don’t be surprised or disturbed if there are some things that you don’t understand right away—and don’t be embarrassed to ask for help. We pray that this service invites you into the ongoing stream of prayer and praise that unites us all—on Earth and in Heaven—as one Body of Christ.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the Holy Eucharist at the altar. The cross symbols in the text  indicate the traditional places where the people may make the sign of the cross over themselves. If you desire for communion to be brought to you in your seat by one of the ministers, please inform an usher.

Please enter the church quietly in order not to disturb those who are in prayer, and take care to silence all noise-making devices. Children are especially encouraged and welcome to participate in all aspects of worship! “Holy wiggles” are a sure and certain sign of life and joy!

VOLUNTARY: PASTORAL SYMPHONY FROM *MESSIAH* G. F. HANDEL

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 523

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: S-278 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS WILLIAM MATHIAS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All are seated.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 9:36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 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." 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. 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM 23 ~ HYMN 623 – (METRICAL VERSION) THE KING OF LOVE

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE: ALLELUIA & VERSE FOR EASTER FOUR T. PAVLECHKO



1. The cantor sings the antiphon
2. All sing the antiphon
3. The cantor chants the psalm
4. All sing the antiphon

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, I know my own and my own know me."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND JOSEPH S. WHITEHURST

After a few moments of silence, all stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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Eucharistic Prayer D is among the most ancient liturgies of the Church, adapted from the Liturgy of Saint Basil in the 4th century. So central was that community's understanding of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic feast that the Prayers and Intercessions of the gathered community were inserted into the Eucharistic Prayer, as though those in worship were literally speaking to Christ himself, present in the Eucharist. During this season, our Prayers of the People are included in the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another with signs of peace. The Celebrant then recites the offertory sentence.

THE OFFERTORY: I MYSELF WILL SEARCH FOR MY SHEEP

WALTER PELZ

THE PRESENTATION HYMN:305 vs.3 WE MEET, AS IN THAT UPPER ROOM

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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THE SANCTUS: S-128

WILLIAM MATHIAS

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Celebrant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER: S-119

THE FRACTION

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 664 MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

All stand or kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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All are seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN: 625

YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People, who respond by saying

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are worshipping with us for the first time: Welcome, we're glad you're here and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to sign our guest register located in the Narthex (foyer) so that we can make this welcome a more personal one. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider making it here with us at St. Thaddeus. Again, thank you for worshipping with us today; may you find here the peace, comfort, and love of God to carry you through your week.

The flowers on the altar today are given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Jane Dupée, in celebration of this Mother's Day.

Are you new to the area or visiting our church for the first time & want to know more about St. Thaddeus? Then scan the QR code below & see our website & complete our newcomer form.





~ Serving Today ~

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Preacher	The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst
Eucharistic Ministers	Jo Ann Crystal
	Larry Wyont
Lector	Bill Bassham
Acolytes	Amelia Claire Akins
	Asher Thomas Akins
	James Carlson
	Anna Cecilia Akins
Ushers	Brien Grande
	Mark Meyer
Altar Guild	Jennifer Huff
Flower Guild	Janet Harkens
Streaming	Colin Ferguson
Sound	Jennifer Huff
Director of Music & Organist	Mr. Don Dupée
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Bonnie Coward	Melissa Steinkuhl
Gayle Ferguson	Susan Stribling
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