

May 8, 2022

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

**FIRST READING. Acts 9:36-43**

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.

**SECOND READING. Revelation 7:9-17**

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. 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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever 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 centre 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.'

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

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.'

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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. From *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress

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**Welcome!**

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

**COVID-19**

Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages "all congregations to continue using masks for the time being." For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

**Happy Mother's Day**

The flowers on the Altar are placed to the Glory of God in honour of all the mothering women in our lives.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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This morning's Order of Worship is an alternate Eucharistic setting called "Now the Feast and Celebration", located in the *Hymnal Supplement* on page 2. All of the hymns are in the hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism leader/response

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

Христос воскрес! [khrystos voskres] - Christ has risen!  
**ALL: Воистину воскрес! [vo-i-sty-nu vos-kres] - Indeed He has risen!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Psalm 23 - Tune 380, *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* (Fred til Bod)

*The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.*

*Reader:* The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**God, my shepherd, shall provide  
Ev'rything I want or need.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**Oh, good shepherd, be my guide;  
I shall follow where you lead.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Where my shepherd welcomes me,  
There is true security.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me.

**God, my shepherd, shall provide  
Ev'rything I want or need.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Oh, good shepherd, be my guide;  
I shall follow where you lead.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Where my shepherd welcomes me,  
There is true security.**

## Dismissal leader/response

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Dates to Remember

May 10 9:30 a.m. - Transition Team meeting, hosted by St. Matthew's  
May 16-20 Continuing Education week for Pastor Bart  
May 29 Council after the service  
June 12 11:00 a.m. - Outdoor worship service and picnic, hosted by St. Matthew's. All food is provided. Please bring a lawn chair.

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission. Donation focus for May: **Large Soup**



## Sunday, June 12 • 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic

We plan to have a fun-filled relaxing day with our friends from First Lutheran at an outdoor service and BBQ picnic, hosted by St. Matthew's. Rain or shine! Invite your family and friends.

**Bring a sunhat and lawn chair. All food will be provided.**

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