



**My sheep  
hear my  
voice**

**JOHN 10:27**



## The Fourth Sunday in Easter

Saturday, May 7, 2022 5:00pm

Sunday, May 8, 2022 9:00am

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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.*

**PRELUDE**

**“To Live On”**

Jubilation

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**“Round the Table”**

Jubilation

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood. You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

**“Bring Us Home”**

Jubilation

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**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.**

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

A reading from Acts.

<sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>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." <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>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. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**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**

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**"Help Us O Lord"**

Jubilation

## GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Shepherd of My Soul"

### Jubilation

Shep-herd of my soul, I give You full con-trol, Wher-

ev-er You may lead I will fol low.

I have made the choice to lis-ten for Your voice, Wher-

ev-er You may lead I will go.

go. Be it in a qui-et pas-ture or

by a gen - tle stream, — The Shep - herd of — my soul —

— is by — my side. — Should I

face a might - y moun - tain — or a

val - ley dark — and deep — The Shep - herd of — my soul —

— will be my guide. —

*D.C. al Fine*

## CREED

*We confess our faith.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## THE OFFERING

*We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church in these days may be placed in the box at the entrance or sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.*

## OFFERING SONG

### "Help Us Oh Lord"

## Jubilation

Hans Peterson

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 108. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of chords is Em, C, D, Em. The lyrics are: 'Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise. Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth. of - fer in joy what you first to us gave:'. The second system has chords Am, C, D. The lyrics are: 'Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise. O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth. Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.'. The third system has chords Em, B7. The lyrics are: 'Re - mind us we're fam - i - ly; we're Re - ceive them all now, this is our'. The fourth system has chords C, D, Em, B (last time end on Em). The lyrics are: 'pain in our sis - ters' eyes. bound by bap - tis - mal birth. prayer in Je - sus' name. We'. The score includes a bass line and a treble line with various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your holy name.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

## COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

Jubilation

Chord symbols: Eb (D), Bbm/G (Am/F#), Ab (G)

Lyrics: Lamb of God, Bread of Life, Prince of Peace, Lamb of God

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you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us.

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you *now and forever*.  
**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN

## "Still Waters"

Am G F G

1. Trem-b'ling on this ledge I'm stand - ing on, please hear my call.  
 2. I left that place of peace and found this storm all on my own.

C Csus C Am G

I need to be se - cure in who You are,  
 I need to hear Your voice to lead me back.

R.H.

F G C Csus C

please break my fall. I  
 where I be - long.

F2 C/E

missed Your will and fol - lowed mine. So  
 need Your will, I don't need mine, and

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Am<sup>7</sup> C/G C<sup>sus</sup>/G G

now I'm ask - ing, — one more time. Lead me to the  
 now I'm ask - ing — one more time.

F F/E Dm7(4) F<sup>2</sup>/C G

still — wa - ters, —

F F/E Dm7(4) F<sup>2</sup>/C

lead me to the still —

G F

wa - ters. — Lead me to the place of ser - en - i - ty and

G C C<sup>sus</sup> C

grace by still wa - ters. —

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these

Michelle Weltzin-Trainor	Carolyn Scheibe	Sue Vogel
Ron McFate	Madison Russo	Andrew Arp
Nancy Meyer	Ed Stoltz	Jan Carlson
H.O. Nelson	Judy Knoer	Kat McCain
Sheila Baustian	Jan Kluever	Craig
Sally Puls	June Dierks	Lois
Duane Miller	Michael Schafer	John
Kory Winter	Peyton Langebartles	Mary
Jensen Spencer	Meyer Mixdorf	Kelly
Ann Kuehl	Bob Morehead	Vaughn
Carol Judge	Patty Mixdorf	
	Melissa Alden	

### Flowers



The flowers on the alter this day are given by the La Plate Family in honor of Madelyn's 13<sup>th</sup> Baptism Birthday.

*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also sign up by calling the church office, or online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-altar>*

## Listening Post

The council will host a series of Listening Posts following worship on Sunday, May 1, Saturday May 7, Sunday May 15, and Sunday May 22. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to enjoy fellowship and help envision ways for all of us to live into the priorities that the council has recognized for 2022. Please join us as the council looks forward to hearing the visions you have for this place.



Following the request at the annual meeting of the congregation, the first quarter financial report is available at the welcome center.

If you have questions, contact our Treasurer, Deanna Nielsen (home 285-6194 or email [deannasnielsen@gmail.com](mailto:deannasnielsen@gmail.com)).

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, May 7	5pm	Jubilation Worship
	6pm	Refreshments & Listening Post
Sunday, May 8	9am	Jubilation Worship
	10am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, May 9	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	5:30pm	Lion's Club
Tuesday, May 10	1pm	Bible Study
	5:30pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, May 11	6:15pm	People of Praise
	7pm	High School Youth
	7:15pm	Resounding Joy!
Thursday, May 12	6:30pm	Executive Meeting
Friday, May 13	9:30am	Food Pantry
Saturday, May 14	5pm	Worship
Sunday, May 15	9am	Worship
	10am	Fellowship Hour & Listening Post



Congratulations to our graduates - High School, Trade School, Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate candidates! Blessings to each of you as you begin the next chapter in your lives. We will celebrate our 2022 High School graduates at worship on Sunday, May 22, at 9am. A cupcake reception will follow worship.

### **During Worship**

**Sunday, May 22  
9:00 am**

Seniors - Please send the office your plans for next year and a senior photo we can post on a recognition board by May 18th.

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