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May 8, 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM - Holy Communion/ ELW Setting 3

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Prelude - “Great is the Lord” - Michael W. Smith

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection*)

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #383 - "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

(Stand if you are able)

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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.

Kyrie ELW Page 138

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast ELW Page 140

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.***

(Please be Seated)

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.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still water

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

⁴Though 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.

⁶Surely 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

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."

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 142

The Holy Gospel - John 10: 22-30

P: The holy gospel according to John:

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - Rev. James Heckman

**Hymn of the Day - ELW #502 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is,"
vs. 1, 2, 3**

Nicene Creed

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 and Intercessions:

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: Receive our prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory - Choir - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Offertory Song - ELW 186 - Create in Me a Clean Heart O God

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (sung- page 144)

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.** People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.** People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Preface for Easter (sung by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 144

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 146

Invitation to Communion

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

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

Hymn during Distribution- ELW 502, vs. 4, 5, 6

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: ELW# 789 - “Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dismissal:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Marche Heroique - St. Saens

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Leo Grzelkowski
Altar Guild	- Val McGinn and Bea von Watzdorf
Lector	- Tom Gaun
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Barb Naska and Becky Praster
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, May 8th - Fourth Sunday of Easter with Rev. James Heckman
- Next Sunday, May 15th - Fifth Sunday of Easter with Rev. Shirley Guider
- Wednesdays @ 10:30 to 12:15 – Pastor’s Office Hours
- The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.
- MAY BIRTHDAYS- MAY 13th - Chris Mueller; MAY 14th - Luke Snyder; MAY 15TH - Beth Snyder

- MAY BAPTISMS - MAY 9th - Bryant Hlavaty and Donald V. Seipt; MAY 10th - Patricia Zion; MAY 12th - Jack Pyne; MAY 13th - Katie Aquino

- MAY “OUTREACH OFFERINGS” will go to support Blanket Sunday which we traditionally hold on Mother’s Day; but we will be collecting all month. The money collected will be given to Church World Service to buy blankets which they give to victims of disasters. We will also be celebrating Father’s Day by collecting money for Church World Service to buy tools to help those who are experiencing disasters. If you would like to dedicate your donation in memory or honor of your mother or father, write that information on the outside of you Outreach envelope, and we will put this information in our newsletter.

- There is another sign up list located on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. Helen Dungan is putting a food basket in the altar in memory of her mother, Mary Dungan who would be 106 on May 5th

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

Michael Altemus; David and Joanne Antoni; Virginia Hager; George & Betty Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Steven Streletz; Joanne & Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatielle; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; LaDonna Gibbs; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; Linda Wilson