

May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day
Mission Outreach Sunday
St. James Trinity Lutheran Church

Introduction

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **C Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



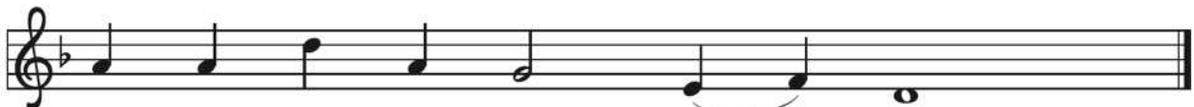
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C 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.

Children's Message

Following the Children's Message, children are released for Sunday School and will return during the offering to be seated with their families for the rest of the service.

Psalm: Psalm 23

A ¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹be in want.

**C ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

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

**C 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.**

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

**C ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Gospel: John 10:22-30

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Gary Hedding



1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834–1918
 Music: HE LEADETH ME, William B. Bradbury, 1815–1868

Apostle's Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

- P Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation, responding to each petition with “hear our prayer”.
(A brief silence.)
- P Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unflinching trust, unafraid to join in Jesus’ work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- P Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- P Renew your people’s commitment to use resources responsibly. Give us wisdom to choose ways of living which are good for the climate; the needs of future generations; and the health of the Earth. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- P Comfort the people of Ukraine in places where violence rages, for all who have been driven from their homes, for all whose lives and livelihoods are endangered, for love to vanquish hate and that their war will end and peace will prevail. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- P Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother’s Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy...
C hear our prayer.
- P Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation (*especially... READ NAMES*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**

Prayers: Shelly (Daughter of Gary & Opal); John; Jan; Bruce; Eliza, Juan & Baby Opal; for Pastor Rick's Dad, Eric Biedermann; as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.

- P Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**
- P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, however you are comfortable, and may say: "Peace be with you.")

Offering – Mission Outreach Sunday: Feed My People

Today is our Mission Outreach Sunday and we will be taking a special offering for Feed My People. You can also mail a check to the church or donate online on our website-just go to Mission Outreach.

Home: *You can either mail or drop your offering at the Church. Through Vanco Faith, we also offer online giving, a mobile app and text giving. Please visit our website for instructions.
(For Text Giving: Text the Contribution Amount to 833.409.0619)*

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

**C Blessed are you,
O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise
you and to respond to those in need, especially those in hunger, through Jesus Christ, our
savior and Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

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 Hymn: *Have No Fear Little Flock*

ELW 764

1	Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!	3	Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
2	Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!	4	Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

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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.

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Today's Worship Servers:

Lector: Jill Jungerberg

Ushers: Greg Jungerberg (Head)

Comm. Assts: N/A

Next Sunday's Worship Servers:

Lector: Dorothy Kaeding

Ushers: Greg Jungerberg (Head)

Comm. Assts: Tammy Jungerberg & Ron Menard

Announcements

- **WELCOME** – We welcome Pastor Gary Hedding today as he is filling in for some of Pastor Rick's Sabbatical. He will be here for most of May.
- **MISSION OUTREACH SUNDAY – TODAY** is Mission Outreach Sunday and we will be supporting Feed My People. We will collect a special offering during worship. There are special offering envelopes available next to the bulletins or you can go to our website and go to Mission Outreach to donate.
- **2022 GRADUATES** – We will be recognizing our 2022 graduates on June 5th during worship. If you know of anyone in our church family who is graduating in 2022, there are slips available to fill out next to the bulletins. Please turn them in with the offering or in the basket outside the office.
- **PASTORAL CARE** – Pastor Tom Bryan will be covering any pastoral care needs (hospitalizations, memorials, baptisms, counseling, etc.) during Pastor Rick's Sabbatical. You can contact the office or call him directly at 715-829-2624.

