

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025-10:00am Lakeside Community Lutheran Church Webster, Wisconsin

# 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.

## **GATHERING**

We gather as God's People
\* Please Stand if you are able

PRELUDE Meditation on Bradbury

Gilbert Martin

WELCOME

\*GATHERING HYMN Holy God We Praise your Name ELW 414

\*SALUTATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

## Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of  $\oplus$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

## This Is The Feast





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! He is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray,

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.** 

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

**Feed My Lambs** 

Natalie Sleeth

## **WORD**

We hear God's word

## 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 23: Shepherd Me O God

ELW 780

Refrain, V1 & 2, Refrain, V3, Refrain, V4 & 5, Refrain

#### 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 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Alleluia





Our hearts burn within us\* while you open to us the scriptures

#### \*HOLY GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

# 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Peter Johnson** 

HYMN OF THE DAY Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

#### \*APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

## \*THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

# Response

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with each other.

## **MEAL**

We are fed and nourished by Jesus' body and blood

## THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd

Alice Jordan

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let The Vineyards

**ELW 182** 



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

## \*THE GREAT 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.

#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

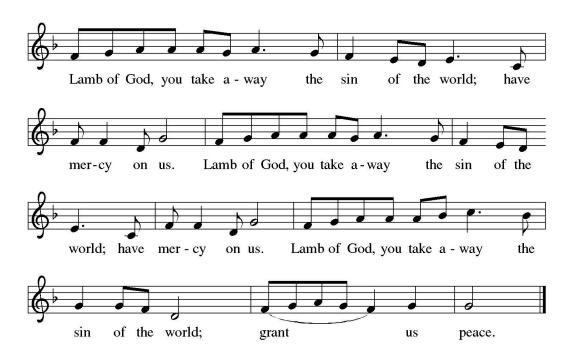
#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

All are welcome at God's Table

#### **COMMUNION**



#### **COMMUNION SONG**

Here Is Bread

**ELW 483** 

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you until everlasting. Life.

#### Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

## **SENDING**

#### We are sent into mission

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### LITANY FOR MOTHERS

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

## Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

# Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

# Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

## Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting ,but aren't quite mothers yet!

## Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

## Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

## Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

## Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

#### \*SENDING SONG

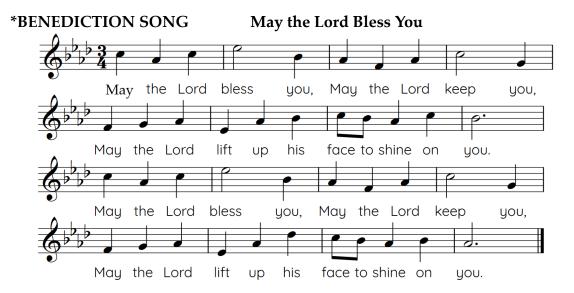
Lead Me Guide Me

**ELW 768** 

#### \*BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, # Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.



#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

## Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# POSTLUDE They'll Know We Are Christians Wilbur Held

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Thank you to today's participants: Pastor: Peter Johnson; Music Director Pat Barnett; Lakeside Lutheran Church Choir; Producer: Marshall Hoff; Counters: Ken & Norma Olson; Altar Guild: Sandie Fisher; Conveners: Marilyne & Steve Gallman; May Shepherds: Sandie Fisher, Marshall & Diane Hoff, Ken Olson, Carol Aakhus, Sue Oslund, Marilyn Gallman

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Marylin Anderson, Elaine Davis, Clint Erickson, Anne Gelein, Barb Henderson, Hitomi Henderson, Diane Roberts, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Barb Umholtz, and Dorothy VanPykeren. Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.

Beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> all our church services can be viewed live on our YouTube channel. To access this go to:

https://www.youtube.com/@lakesidecommunitylutheranc4937 at 10am each Sunday and click on the "Live" icon. Don't log in more than 5 minutes early or it may not work without refreshing your screen. Or go to our church website and follow the instructions there. All services will still be archived for later viewing.

Please note that our Communion Bread is now Gluten free, so those with Celiac disease and gluten sensitivities can also participate.

<u>Save The Date:</u> On July 2nd Lakeside will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive. More information to follow. Any questions talk to Mick Peterson.

## SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday May 31st we will be hosting our Let's

Recconnect 2025 celebration! Once again, it's time to connect with old friends and new friends. Please join us for a Fried Chicken Dinner complete with sides and beverages. Adult Tickets: \$15.00 Children under 10: \$8.00. No refunds will be given after May 25th. Invite your friends and family. Tickets will be sold at Lakeside Lutheran Church after the 10am service on Sundays in May through Sunday, May 25th. Deadline for purchasing tickets is May 25th. Checks should be payable to Lakeside Lutheran Church with a note that indicates "For Church Dinner" and the names of the attendees and whether they are adults or children. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up. For those that want to linger after dinner, we are offering a game night. Either bring a favorite game or partake in games provided by others. If you have questions, please contact Linda Dobson at 612-209-8697 or linda@lindadobsonevents.com

Church Photo Directory Update! We're excited to announce that our church will be creating an updated Photo Directory to help us stay connected and get to know one another better! Photo sessions will be June 8 following the worship service, June 11th: 9 AM- 4 PM; and June 15 following the worship service. Sign-up sheets located in the Narthex— be sure to reserve your 15-minute session early! Each session is quick and easy, and you'll have the option to purchase digital files of your photos for just \$20. This is a great way to put faces to names and celebrate the beautiful community we share. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at <a href="mailto:aandhlclc@gmail.com">aandhlclc@gmail.com</a>. We can't wait to see all your smiling faces!

JOIN US FOR 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! We're excited to announce that this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place July 7–11, and we

can't wait to welcome our students for a fun-filled week of faith, learning, and adventure! Student registration is now open! Forms are available in the Narthex or online here: <a href="https://forms.gle/2evSPWemsAPNJRyj6">https://forms.gle/2evSPWemsAPNJRyj6</a> We're also looking for volunteers to help make this week a success. Please email lakesidelutheranyouthministry@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering this year.

## This week at Lakeside:

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Monday, 5-12	11 am - ADRC
•	6 pm - Yoga
Tuesday, 5-13	9 am - Mission Quilters
•	9 am - Worship & Music Meeting
	11 am - ADRC
	1 pm - Council Meeting
	7 pm- AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 5-14	8 am - Yellow Lake Food Distribution
	9 am - Yoga
	9:30 am - Bible Study
	4:00 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday 5-15	8 am - Yellow Lake Food Distribution
	Fellowship at JoMama's
	8 am - Men's Breakfast
	9 am - Women's Coffee
	9:30 am - Community Quilters
Friday, 5-16	11 am - ADRC
Sunday, 5-18	11 am - ADRC
	9 am - Sunday School
	9:30 am - Choir Practice
	10:00 am - Worship with Pastor Peter Johnson