

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

9:00 am

Communion



*279 Years Of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

Sunday, May 8, 2022

We warmly welcome Pastor Gerald Tancredi as he leads us in worship today.

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.

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"- Jesse S. Irvine, Arr. by Richard Unfried

On Piano- "Amazed" - Words and Music by Jared Anderson, Arr by Caro Tornquist

On Allen Organ- "Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith" by Forrest Hill

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: Alleluia ! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed ! Alleluia !

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.

Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!- #369, Vs. 1, 2, & 4



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, Music: Robert Williams

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Glory be to God

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

R: A reading from the book of Acts:

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.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

R: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: 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.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Please stand

HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"- ELW 502, Vs. 1, 2, & 4



Text: Henry W. Baker, Music: Irish tune

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

A: 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.

A: Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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.

A: 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.

A: Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. 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.

A: Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you: Hear our prayers for **Dave Grubb, Brookelyn Rogers, Joanna Siedlecki, Machiko Kuehner, Brandon**

Sisco and family, **Joyce** Wicker, **Margaret** Szabo, **Ruth** Mathias, **Kate** Ciavarelli, **Jack** Rousseau and those we lift before you now. Heal them with your loving might. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

Please be seated

OFFERING INVITATION

May 8, 2022 (Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C)

Acts 9:36 – 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.

Never underestimate the power of one person to make a difference in our church and the world. Tabitha touched people with good works, including making clothes for others. How are you using your God-given talents for the sake of others?

OFFERING WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

"God So Loved the World" by John Stainer - **Trio Sung by Barbara Miller, Barbara Grubb and Lori Hoshaw**

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

C: Amen.

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

C: 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

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

C: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

C: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

C: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMNS

Comm. Hymn # 1- Come to the Table- ELW #481- All Verses

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942, Music: Martin J. Nystrom"

Comm. Hymn # 2-Taste and See- ELW #93

Text and Music: James E. Moore Jr.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!- ELW #385, Vs. 1 & 4

Text: Cyril A. Alington, Music: Melchior Vulpus

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Festival March" by William Stickles

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 5/8	7.45 am	Bell choir
	9.00 am	Worship (Led by Pastor Jerry Tancredi)
	10.45 am	Service of Word and Table
Monday	7.00 pm	AA meeting
	6.30 pm	Praise band
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tae Kwan Do
	7.30 pm	Council meeting
Thursday	6.30 pm	Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal
	7.00 pm	Zion adult choir
Sunday 5/15	7.45 am	Bell choir
	9.00 am	Worship
	10.45 am	Service of Word and Table

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

This week (5/8)				Next week (5/15)			
9.00 am		10.45 am		9.00 am		10.45 am	
Assistant Minister	Jane Detwiler	Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski	Assistant Minister	Dan Bauman	Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski
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Hymns	Zion choir			Hymns	Zion choir		