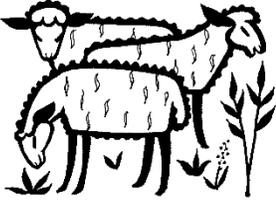


**Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day – May 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
*The 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the faith community of Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church*



*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.*

**Announcements**

*As you prepare for worship, gathered in virtual community and connected by God's beautiful and unfathomable design, you are invited to light a candle for your home worship space.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

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.**

## **Opening Hymn - #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

### **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.**

### **WORD**

## First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<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. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 23

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>l</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>l</sup> be in want.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>l</sup> fear no  
evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>l</sup> comfort me. R**

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

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>l</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>l</sup> LORD forever. R**

## Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

<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.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Gospel: John 10:22-30**

*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.*

<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 - #376 Thine Is the Glory**

#### **Affirmation of Faith: Abundant God**

We believe in the debonaire God  
who clothes the wild flowers  
dressing them so superbly  
that they outdo Solomon in all his glory;

**who is the true Friend  
of all creatures great and small  
who feeds robins and sandhill cranes,  
and even doleful ravens and mourning doves.**

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus  
the Source of abundance,  
full of grace and truth.

**We believe in the extravagant God  
who turns the other cheek,  
goes the second mile,**

**turns water into the best wine,  
brings healing with his every touch,  
and who welcomes a Mary's love  
as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.**

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ,  
who sweated blood in an Olive Grove,  
and kept the faith to the very end.

**We believe in the redeeming God  
who spared no cost,  
forgave even his brutal crucifiers,  
had time for a dying thief at his side,  
and who on the third day  
did a thing so extraordinary  
that even his friends were dismayed with joy.**

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ,  
the Source of abundance  
**wherever we turn  
and no matter what we do.  
Amen.**

Adapted from Affirmation of Faith by Bruce Prewer, [www.bruceprewer.com](http://www.bruceprewer.com)

### **Prayers of the People for Mother's Day**

God our Creator, we thank you for your gift of Marvelous Moms.

We pray for ...

- ... expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
- ... new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
- ... mothers who are tired, stressed or depressed;
- ... mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
- ... mothers who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
- ... mothers whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
- ... mothers who have children they do not want and those suffering the results of an abortion;
- ... mothers who raise children on their own;
- ... mothers who have lost a child;

... those who 'mother' the children of others: step mothers and mothers in blended families;  
... mothers whose children have left home;  
... and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled

Bless all mothers,  
**that their love may be deep and tender,  
and that they may lead their children  
to know and do what is good,  
living not for themselves alone,  
but for you and for others.**

**Help us to honor our mothers as a gift from you.  
And help us to let them know that to us they are  
truly 'Marvelous Moms' — today and always.**

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*Adapted from Marvelous Mums: An Intergenerational Worship Resource for Mother's Day on the*

*Uniting Church SA website. <http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/>*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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 brief silence.*

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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 (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation (*especially*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding (*as did Julian of Norwich, whom we commemorate today*). Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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,  
**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Offering**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our faithful teacher Jesus gave us the words we need to bring us back to God and our God-given selves when he taught us to pray:

**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**

The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

This is the body and blood of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

*All who desire communion on this day are welcome to commune with us and partake in the promise of eternal life by Jesus Christ himself. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we use non-alcoholic wine. Please indicate if you would like a gluten free communion wafer. If you do not wish to take communion, you are still invited to ask Pastor for a blessing before you leave. Typically, those who commune are baptized into the Christian faith. If you are not baptized and would like to learn more about what it means to be baptized and share in the meal at the Lord's Supper Table, please talk with Pastor.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

**SENDING**

**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 - #366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Paxton, Marlene Robbins, Tara Henry, Craig, Ray Berg, Anne Balko, Christina Bell, Jake Rosenberg, Dawn Syers, Rick, Tommy Paradise, Lana, Joe, Arlene Posont, Paige, Mary Kutsick, Jamie, Jonnie True, Gary, Florence, Jen Lincoln, Amy Sturtleen, Phil, Doris Hayrynen, Heidi Prunick, Duray Murk, and all who are in our prayers today.

***Nursing Home:*** Ruth Elavsky, Jim LeVeque, and Babe Strand

***Assisted Living:*** Norma Seceast

***In Service:*** Airman Craig Oas, Ryan Graves, Zac Culter, Mike Knickerbocker, Peter Peterson, Mathew Moilanen, Michael Graves, Airman Mikala Robinson, and our veterans who have returned to their communities.

***General:*** All who deal with COVID-19 here in our neighborhoods and beyond.

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Pastor Breanne Kinnunen

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** George Balko – Saturday Volunteer - Sunday

**USHERS:** Volunteer – Saturday Helen S. & Patsy - Sunday

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Perttula

**MUSICIAN:** Carlene Harwick

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Worship Service – 5:00pm - In-person**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Baccalaureate Sunday Service - 10:30am - In-person and on Facebook Live  
- Council Meeting following the service**

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The Alger County Youth Committee is sponsoring an alcohol-free **All-Night Graduation Party** for the **Class of 2022**. Each student attending will receive a gift valued at \$30 or more, with several larger prizes to be awarded. The committee is asking for donations of cash, prizes, food, or drinks. If you would like to support this effort, you can send money to the Alger County Youth Committee, PO Box 135, Munising, MI 49862. Pre-addressed envelopes will be available in the narthex, and checks should be made out to the Alger County Youth Committee. They are a non-profit organization so your contribution is tax deductible. If you would like to donate food, drink, or prizes, we will collect them in Eden’s kitchen and get them to the committee. The party will be held May 28, so the committee is asking for donations to be received not later than May 21.

Eden is in the process of updating our church directory. Please complete a form with any changes to your current information. Forms are in the narthex. Thank you.

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