

Sunday, May 8, 2022 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Announcements

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. 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: Blessing and Honor



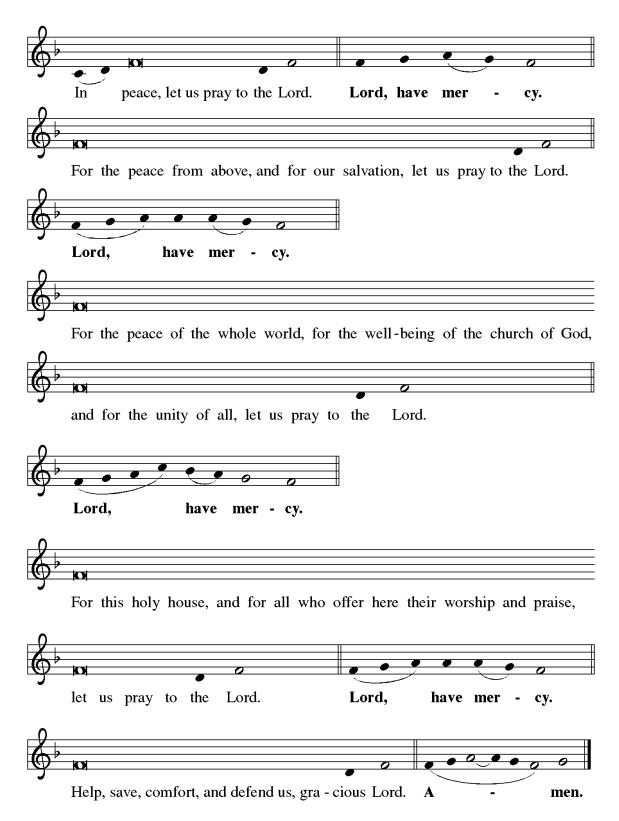
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Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



Glory To God



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.**

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now 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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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." ³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

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

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

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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."

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Thanks be to God.



Gospel: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

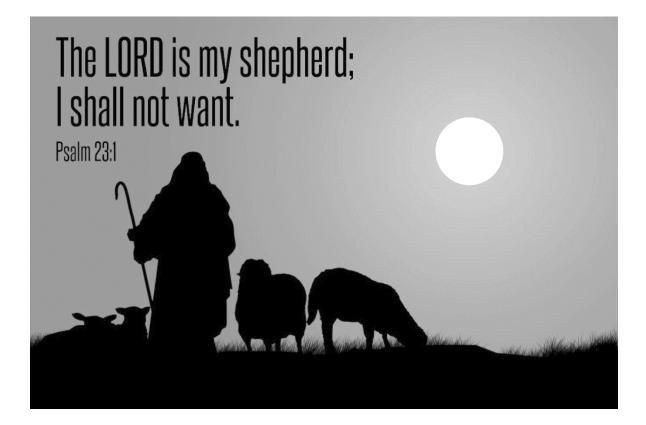
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: The Lord's My Shepherd

No. 778



TRUST, GUIDANCE



Apostles' 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 was 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 to the living and 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

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.

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,

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.**

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.**

The 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. 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 forever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Have No Fear, Little Flock

No. 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock 764 lit - tle flock: lit - tle have fear. 1 Have no fear. no lit - tle have good lit - tle 2 Have good cheer, flock; cheer, Praise the high a 3 Lord high a bove; praise the Lord raise to thank - ful hearts Thank - ful raise to God; 4 hearts ther cho flock. for the Fa has sen to flock, the Fa ther will keep you in for stoops down heal you, up bove, for he to _ side close be -God, for he stays you, in the king - dom; have no fear. lit - tle flock! give you have good cheer, lit - tle flock! his love for - ev - er; bove! praise the Lord high a lift and re - store you; God! raise to all things works with you; thank - ful hearts

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House LITTLE FLOCK 66766

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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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

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Interim Pastor:	Pastor Ralph Schibler
Lectors:	Russ Stephens
Usher:	Mark Wiedenheft

At 10:30	
Interim Pastor:	Pastor Ralph Schibler
Lectors:	Sally Warner
Usher:	Charles Howard

May Altar Care Pat Wiedenheft and Carrie Killingsworth

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in celebration of Pat Wiedenheft's birthday on May 7 from Mark & Carrie, Ken & Carrie, and Rob & Melissa and families.

PRAYER CONCERNS

David & Fred Wobser and their families in the passing of their brother Wayne; Pat Nielsen, following a hospital stay; For all directly or indirectly effected by the Ukraine Crisis; FAITH members, including; Ruby Stierhoff; the people of Zion, Huron and their pastor, Kristine Schroeder; the ministry of KinShip in working with broken families.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

(Last two weeks)

General Fund - \$6,464.50 Building Improvements - \$552.50

ATTENDANCE

May 1: 40 + 24 = 64

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits our Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services Sunday School Jam Session	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am
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Open to anyone in the community!

Grace Lutheran Church 203 S. Washington St. Castalia, OH 44824 When: Wednesday, May 11th Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until sold out)

How: Free Drive-thru pickup in the back of church

MENU:

HAMBURGER GRAVY OVER MASHED POTATOES,

MIXED VEGETABLES, MUFFIN,

BROWNIE & ICE CREAM



Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

Firelands Chorus, Inc.

presents their annual spring concert



Directed by Jeffrey Kearney **★** Accompanied by Morgan Noon

Friday, May 13th & Saturday, May 14th, 2022 7:30 p.m. * Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

> Zion Lutheran Church 503 Columbus Avenue ★ Sandusky, Ohio

FREE CONCERT ★ FREEWILL OFFERING COLLECTED