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## 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Have No Fear Little Flock / The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
*Arr. Sedio*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #369**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia*

### **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, lets us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to  
be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,**

blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**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.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director: Susie Gray Title: *Held By His Grace*  
Composer: Patricia Mock / Faye Lopez

#### **THE WORD**

##### **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

**R:** <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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

R: <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."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Gospel according to **John 10:22-30**

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** <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."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Red hymnal #764

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**P:** Let us confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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** *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

*Please place your offering in the plate as you enter the sanctuary*

**OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

**OFFERTORY SONG #207**

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

C: Thankful hearts and voices raise;; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**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.

**HYMN Red hymnal #890**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory\**

*\*Note this hymn was written by Julia Ward Howe,  
one of the founders of Mother's Day*

**DISMISSAL**

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:  
"Serving Christ through serving others."**

**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.**

**POSTLUDE**                    *Blessing and Honor (American Hymn)*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by James & Lori Sebastian in honor of their mothers.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

### **In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Acolyte	Alex Garvic
Reader	Jeff Slyman
Greeters	Erma & Chuck Swanson

### **ATTENDANCE 4/30 & 5/1: 93**

Offering: \$5,488.00

Building Fund: \$1,430.00

### **Sunday School 5/1**

Adults: 16    Children: 6    Youth: 3

### **Staff**

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Socks for Seniors**

Since 2002, Socks for Seniors hosts an annual sock drive throughout the United States. Socks are distributed to senior centers and nursing facilities. Many residents have no funds to purchase needed items and socks are one of those needed items. Fun socks, themed socks, bright colors etc. will be **collected through May 31st**. Please avoid socks that have individual toes and high compression and diabetic socks. Sock donations can be placed in the laundry basket and monetary donations can be put in the offering plate labeled "Socks for Seniors".

**COMMUNION IN MAY** Sunday, May 15  
Saturday, May 14 (First Communion Students)  
& May 28

**ZION YARD CLEAN UP DAY** will be Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 am—noon. Bring your favorite garden tools. We will be pruning, weeding, and mulching.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** / A first Communion Class will be offered on Sat., May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Adult Sunday School room. This class is being offered to those children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above. At the 5 pm worship service on Sat., the 14<sup>th</sup> the class will take part in their first communion. A celebration will follow worship with pizza and pop provided. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway so Jessica knows how much food to order.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

There will be a VBS and planning meeting after church on May 15th.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The last day of Sunday School will be May 22nd.

## **YOUTH SYNOD DAY**

After worship on May 22nd there will be a Youth Synod Day meeting and a Christian Ed. Advisory committee meeting. Please plan to attend.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The Relay For Life team has two fundraisers going on. First, we are taking orders for luminaria which will be placed around the track during the event on June 18. Luminaria may be placed in honor of a cancer survivor, in support of someone battling cancer, or in memory of someone who had cancer. Cost is \$10 per luminary. For an order form, please see Debbie Rudisill. Second, we are selling Pampered Chef products. The deadline to order Pampered Chef is May15. Orders will be sent directly to you. If you would like a catalog and order form, please see Debbie Rudisill. There is a website on the catalog if you prefer to order online. All proceeds will go to American Cancer Society.