



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

May 8, 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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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.

### Prelude

Synod Assembly Report (9:20 AM)

Joanne Richards

Ann and Charles Mans

### Welcome

### Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Red Worship Book 385

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: 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.*

L: 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.**

### Greeting

Red Worship Book pg. 138

L: 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.**

### Kyrie

Red Worship Book pg. 138-139

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

Red Worship Book pg. 140-141

**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.**

### Prayer of the Day

L: 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.**

*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.*

### First Lesson: 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. <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.

### Psalms 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd;

**C: I shall not be in want.**

L: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

**C: and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O LORD,

**C: and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

L: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

**C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,

**C: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*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.*

**Second Lesson: Revelations 7:9-17**

<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."

**Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia....."**

**Red Worship Book pg. 142**

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

**The Holy Gospel according to St. John**

**Glory to you, O Lord (Spoken)**

**Red Worship Book pg. 143**

*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.*

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

<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 Our Lord**

**Red Worship Book pg. 143**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

**Children's Sermon**

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**Hymn "Blessing and Honor"**

**Red Worship Book 854**

**1** Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r, wisdom and riches and strength evermore, be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne; whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!

**2** Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame. Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r echo his praises and tell of his pow'r; echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.

- 3 Ever ascending the song and the joy, ever descending the love from on high; blessing and honor and glory and praise-- this is the theme of the hymns that we raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
- 4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb! Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain, dying in weakness and rising to reign; dying in weakness and rising to reign!

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

L: 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**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: 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.*

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

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

**C: Amen.**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

**Red Worship Book pg. 144**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Red Worship Book pg. 145**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

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.

## The Lord's Prayer

Red Worship Book pg. 145

**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.**

## Lamb of God

Red Worship Book pg.146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn "When Peace like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*" Red Worship Book 785

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

## Communion Hymn "Bread of Life From Heaven" Red Worship Book 474

*Refrain: Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given, we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.*

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*

2 Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain*

3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world. Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain*

4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the lifegiving Word. Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain*

5 Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain*

## Prayer

L: 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

L: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever.  
C: Amen.

## Hymn "Lord of All Hopefulness" Red Worship Book 765

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

*the worship is ended ... let the service begin...*

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**\*\*The Noisy offering for this month is for  
ELCA World Hunger, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.\*\***



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## Next Week's Readings and Psalm

### **First Reading**

**Acts 11:1-18**

### **Psalm**

**Psalm 148**

### **Second Reading**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

### **Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Wally Guptill, Connie Odendahl, Jacob Roubinek, Rev. Mike Pancoast, Rev. Ericka Foss, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Leigha Ness, Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), Reverend Norm Belland, Kim Reisig (sister-in-law of Amy Tvedt), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and Alysa McFadden (daughter of Robert and Pat Anderson).

**For our members in care facilities ~Ruta Kalnins and Dorothy Svendsen.**

**For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke**

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## Announcements/Calendar

**Sun.** 8:30 Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.

**Mon.** 9 am Library mtg.

**Tues.** 9 am Kettle river Pastor's mtg.; 9:30 am Women's Bible Study; 1:15 pm Pastor at Elderwood.

**Wed.** 5:30 pm Last FiA Party; 7 pm Last Youth Group.

**Thurs.** 8 am Men's Text Study; 9-2 Quilting at Church; 10 Pastor virtual Dean's mtg.; Mindy at Networking mtg.; 5-7:30 pm Blue Zones Community at Casino.

**Sat.** 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am First Word Worship/HC; Church Council; Twins Game after Worship.

Free Community Dinner



Community Meal will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 5:30- 6:30 pm.  
June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd and September 7<sup>th</sup>, with Worship at 6:30 pm.

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**Congregation Day Camp June 12<sup>th</sup> after Worship-Sign-up on table in Narthex.**



**Pizza, Paint and Praise (devotions)**

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm.**

**Tutorial style for adults/teens.**

**Sign-up on table in Narthex.**

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**Youth Mission Trip Rummage Sale**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9am – 5pm**

Set up will be 7 pm on May 18<sup>th</sup> –please bring in larger donations that night.

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#### **2022 In Kind Gifts**

For the summer Women of the ELCA Convention, the In-Kind focus will be toiletry Kits to be distributed through Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota to refugee families.

Three different kits can be assembled. Please put items in a small reusable box or bag and mark what type of kit is enclosed. (Please NO travel or hotel sizes). Please have them at that church by Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> so they can be delivered to the Convention with those who are attending. Thank you for your support!

#### **Children's Kit:**

**1 large bottle of shampoo, 1 large bottle of conditioner, 1 large bottle of lotion, 1 bar of soap, 1 children's tube of toothpaste, combs.**

#### **Women's Kit:**

**1 large bottle of shampoo, 1 large bottle of conditioner, 1 large tube or bottle of lotion, 2 deodorants, 1 large package of feminine pads, 1 bar of soap, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 children's toothbrush, combs.**

#### **Men's Kit:**

**1 large bottle of shampoo, 1 large bottle of conditioner, 1 large tube or bottle of lotion, 2 deodorants, 1 package of razors, 1 large can of shaving cream, 1 bar of soap, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, combs.**

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#### **Come Join Us!**

**Blue Zone, Pine County Speaking Event**

**“Learn the secrets of health and well-being from the world's longest-lived people.”**

**May, 12, 2022**

**Grand Casino Hinckley (Ballrooms 1-3**

**5:00 – 7:30 PM**

Dan Buettner, Blue Zones founder, has discovered 5 places in the worlds – dubbed blue zones – where people live the longest. Blue Zones is dedicated to creating healthy communities across the United States.

