

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., May 8, 2022
Tree of Life—Marty Haugen



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 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 to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to adventwestminster@gmail.com or contact us through the adventwestminster.org web site. Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6

Stand if able, **P– Pastor, **AM**- assisting minister, **C**-congregation,
ELW-red songbook, **W&P**-purple songbook*

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.**

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM - *please remain seated*

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

AM: 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.

P: We thank you, God for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

AM: 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 opened the gates of righteousness and we pass safely through.

P: 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.

AM: 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.

P: To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepard and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN ELW # 385 “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*”**

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 earth 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!

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: O God of peace, C: 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.

READING ACTS 9:36-43

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. 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.

After Reading: L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (Read in Unison)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John 10:22-30 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.²⁴ 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.'²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.'²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

After reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Barb Martens

*** HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord in freedom may your mercy know and live.

PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

AM: God, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: *through Jesus Christ, our Savior.* **C: Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON (children come forward) Pastor Barb Martens

GREETING OF PEACE

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

C: And also with you. *(please share a sign of peace with one another)*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM: Let us pray Living God, **C: you gather the wolf and 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.**

***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 our thanks and praise.**

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

The gifts of God are always FREE! All are welcome at the Lord’s table. Prefilled cups of wine and grape juice will be offered at the rail. The grape juice is clear and located in the center of the tray. Children are welcome at the meal, and may commune with parent’s permission. If you are communing in your seat or at home online, the Pastor will tell you what to do.

ELW # 471 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
Refrain.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain.

ELW #674 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. **Refrain.**
2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. **Refrain.**
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! **Refrain.**

BLESSING *(please remain seated)*

P: Now may this body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace now and forever. **C: Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. **C: We give you thank generous God, C: 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May the Lord look upon us with favor and +give us peace.

***SENDING HYMN ELW #362 “*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*” vrs 1,2, 6-8**

1. At the lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
2. Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
6. Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall: you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
7. Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy! From sin's pow'r, Lord set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

We are glad you are here! We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, black and proud, and no habla Ingles. You're welcome here if you are “just browsing”, just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Luther or more Catholic than the Pope. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 40, but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. If you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like “organized religion,” we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money in Black Hawk, you're welcome here. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts, and YOU!! Welcome!! So all may Christ's love!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

XYZ'S: The XYZ's will try meeting again in the Fireside Lounge for a potluck lunch. It is just so much easier to talk and socialize around the tables especially since we hope to have some guests from St. Andrew. Fried chicken will be provided and we would ask that you bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Mark your calendars for May 11th at noon. Let's make this a fun event to welcome Spring with lots of people!! If you have any questions you can call Virginia Feighner at 303-429-0203 or Annetta Hernandez at 303-429-3325.

SAVE THE DATE: May 22nd immediately after worship come celebrate summer with a church picnic and barbeque!! The Men of Advent will be grilling and EET will provide condiments and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!!!

FINAL TWO WEEKS OF ADULT FORUM: Join us for our study through Lent on The Book of 12, also known as the Minor Prophets! In the Jewish bible (The Tanakh) these prophets are all included in one book rather than 12 separate books, showing us how connected these messages are. This class will meet hybridly on Sunday mornings after worship, starting at approximately 10:45 am. This week we are studying book of Jonah. Next week we will conclude with Hosea.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Now that worship is returning to our pre-pandemic format, the Worship and Music team is looking for new members and help with performing some of the functions of the team

Acolytes: Many of our youngest members are now old enough to serve as acolytes. If your kids are interested, please contact Lisa Cook. There will be training sessions scheduled as needed.

Ushers: We need someone to schedule, recruit and train ushers. We've had some wonderful volunteers step up each Sunday, but scheduling a rotation and training everyone so all know what's expected will make the process much more consistent each week.

Lay Assisting Ministers and Lay Lectors: We need a coordinator to schedule these worship assistants each week. We've had a small core of faithful volunteers throughout the pandemic, but it would be nice to have an expanded list to call on. If you are interested in being a lay assisting minister, but are uncomfortable with the singing portion, arrangements can be made to have someone else do that part. Again, training will be available as needed.

As we prepare to bid farewell to Pastor Barb and welcome a new Ministry team, it would be great to have some new ideas and fresh faces to adapt our worship format to best fit the needs of our vital and growing community. Please contact Ann Hibbs or Pastor Barb if you can take on one of these crucial organizational roles. Thanks!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and continue to pray for your siblings in Christ.

Michael Adams (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>) Steve Albert (<i>friend of Virginia Feighner</i>) Cindy Anderson Arnie Arino Fred and JoAnn Bantin Tom Barber Nina Behrendt (<i>neighbor and friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Melva Bishop/ Shirley Frey/ Esther Thomsen (<i>Vonda Crow's cousins</i>) Chris Blair (<i>Warren's brother</i>) *Christian Bradley (<i>MaryAnn and Bruce's nephew</i>) Donald Brzowsky (<i>Hal Schweitzer's nephew</i>) Wally Campbell (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>) Shawn Cantwell (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>) Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner & Sandra Schreiner (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>) Amber Carolus & family (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Joann Conrad (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>) Nick Del Hierro (<i>friend of Jan and Sandi Bordner</i>) Marge Dorsey Martie Essebaggers Baby Everlee (<i>Friend of Trevor Gallegos & Theresa Hornbuckle</i>) Esther Faires Cheri Feighner (<i>Virginia Feighner's sister-in-law</i>)	Doyal Furman (<i>jacbo Furman's father</i>) Tobias Funk (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>) Gene (<i>al Muniz's brother</i>) Scott Gerhardt (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Julie Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friend</i>) Russ and Bob Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friends</i>) Joe Green (<i>friend of Donna Harris</i>) Abbey Hammer (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>) Andrea Hanson (<i>Chris' sister-in-law</i>) Brian and Sandy Hanson Geraldine Harmon (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>) Candace Homestead Dale Hundley (<i>Lois'Wyble's son in law</i>) Karen Hutchinson (<i>Friend of Pastor Barb</i>) Michele Hysell *Candy Jacobson Jess Kary (<i>Jill Hartmann's father</i>) Greg Komma Raymond Jamsey **Jessica Kurschner (<i>Pam & Jesse Hammer's daughter</i>) Denny Lewis Kathy Martin (<i>friend of Pastor Barb</i>) *Julie McCawley Shirley Nelson Gail Pankow (<i>Shirley Keith's sister</i>) Edward Pacheco	Don & Merideth Parker (<i>Ann Hibb's Mother and Stepdad</i>) Margaret Pitton (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister in law</i>) Jeannie Prior (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Ray (<i>Al Muniz' brother</i>) Harlan Redcay (<i>Jesse Hammer's brother in law</i>) Helen Ritterodt Reyna Sanchez Sarah (<i>Rebecca Markel's friend</i>) Marlene Seim (<i>Cousin of Sandi Bordner</i>) Charlie Shaw (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>) Jean Shea (<i>Helen Ritterodt's friend</i>) Stacy Struessel Maura Sullivan and family As they morn the death of her brother. (<i>Friend of Lisa Cook</i>) Cheryl Swinhart Dean Turner (<i>friend of Tom and Joan</i>) Frank Van Pelt Fred Vargas & Family (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother and family</i>) Mike Vaughn (<i>friend of Marlen Blair</i>) Ann Vespoli (<i>LaVonne Vespoli's mother-in-law</i>) Tony Zangari Sr., Tony Jr., Roxanne Zangari (<i>family of Kathy Zangari</i>)
Special prayers for the citizens of Ukraine. Special Prayers for the families of the Marshall Fire. Special Prayers for nurses and doctors who are risking their lives and Scientists (that they are able to treat and prevent the spread of the virus soon). Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers. Special Prayers for all of our military. Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry across the globe.		