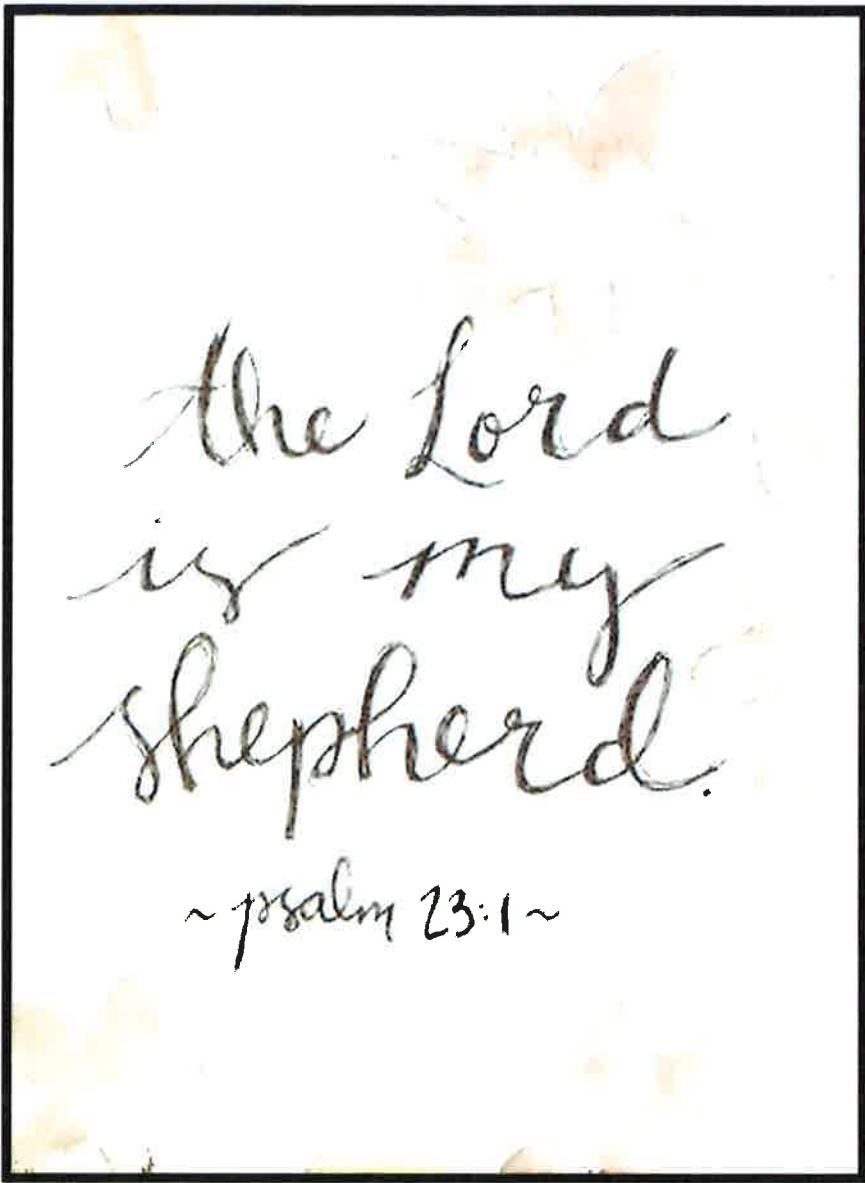


Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!



*By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

Pastor Jim Helgren

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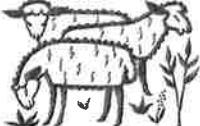
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“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are from the Robert Armknecht funeral that was held here at Grace on 5/5/22.



Today's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

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

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

Psalm

Psalm 23; tone 10



The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.
²The LORD makes me lie down
¹in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.
³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along
right pathways
¹ for your name's sake.
⁴Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall¹ fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they¹ comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell
in the house of the¹ LORD forever.

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

“Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ 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,¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed

in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and
thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ 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

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.”

John 10:22-30

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*Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee to death.*

*Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.*

We pray always for . . .

Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, & Jan Rader

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Anna, Vanessa, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania.*

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Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of
Worship Duty – signup sheet is at the back of the church.

Council is requesting to have a congregational meeting next Sunday
following church to discuss options to replace the broken furnace in
the church office. Please plan to attend to review the different quotes
that have been received.

Today 5/8/22

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday 5/9/22

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday 5/12/22

Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 5/15/22

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting following worship

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



Happy Mother's Day

The Carnations at the front of the church are for our Mother's at worship today. Please be sure to get yours on the way out of church today.

