

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## + HOLY COMMUNION SETTING NINE +

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### GATHERING

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### CATECHETIC MOMENT

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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### GATHERING HYMN    Thine Is the Glory

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### GREETING/ KYRIE

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### THIS IS THE FEAST

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**P**    We pray. 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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON** A Reading from the Book of Acts

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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 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." 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. 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. (*Acts 9:36-43*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** *Sung as* The King of love My Shepherd Is **No. 502**

**SECOND LESSON** A Reading from the Book of Revelation

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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." (*Revelation 7:9-17*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia...

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel...

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (*John 10:22-30*)

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Sing with All the Saints in Glory No. 426

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to “*Lord, in your mercy,*” is “**hear our prayer.**”

A Let us pray to our risen Saviour on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another

*A brief silence.*

A Your servant Paul exhorted the elders of the churches to watch over your flock, guarding them from the dangerous wolves that threaten them. Bless your Church with pastors, bishops, lay leaders, and theologians who rightly proclaim and teach your Word; protect your people from falsehood, heresy and schism; and lead your people into lives of holiness, faithfulness and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A The martyrs of your Church stand before your throne, praying for all who are persecuted for your Name’s sake. Join our prayers to theirs. Give courage and endurance to those who suffer on account of you. By their example, cause those who trouble them to repent and turn to you, for the transformation of their lives and the renewal of their minds. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless and direct the people of this congregation. Make us confident that you love us and know each of us by name. Move us past our fears and preoccupations into eager discipleship and loving service. Let all be done your glory, and for the good of those in our family, community, workplace and world.

**C hear our prayer.**

A Oh great and good Shepherd, lead with gentleness and compassion all who are sick or sorrowing; lonely or confused; hurting or despairing; and to all who cry out for mercy. Especially we remember before you the needs of: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch,

Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud... and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless and gently guide our littlest lambs – our infants and toddlers, and all who are newborns in the faith. Lead them in safety through the dangers of this world; crown their innocence with holiness; and teach them to know your voice and to gladly follow wherever you would have them go. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Thank you for mothers, foster mothers, and for all who care and love with a mother's heart. Adorn their lives with wisdom, goodness, common sense, and patience. Give them endurance – and a good night's sleep – to carry out their many tasks with a light heart and ready smile. Be their strength and shield when their burdens are great and sorrowful. And bestow your dearest comfort to all who have lost a child, or who are unable to have one. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Give a shepherd's heart to the leaders of all nations, especially our own. Teach them to seek the welfare of their people above power, wealth, or re-election. By their labors, grant the simple blessings of decent food, clean water, and the chance to raise families in freedom and safety. Give wisdom and integrity to all who risk their lives on behalf of others. And to all people, especially those whose lives have been shattered by violence, grant a measure of your peace. Bring peace to Ukraine and all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the Saskatchewan Synod, synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Ali Tote
- the Northern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean, Rev. Erin Thomas
- our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- Grace Lutheran Church I Rancho Cordova, California
- all congregations struggling with pastoral vacancy
- Ibbestad Lutheran, Enchant, & Hope Lutheran, Forestburg
- Eden Congregation, Ibague, Colombia
- the students, faculty, and staff of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Camrose
- the bishops, pastors and people of the Lutheran Church of Cameroon, Africa
- the World Council of Churches, its President, General Secretary, and staff
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Lord Jesus, we rejoice in the love you share with your Father and the Holy Spirit, and which you are pleased to share with us, forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “The Lord’s My Shepherd” arr. Robert Newton  
*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*  
*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Easter) Pg. 64

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Pg. 199

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Version I) Pg. 201

**THE FRACTION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD** Pg. 201

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated.*

*Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Saviour, like a Shepherd Lead Us

**No. 789**

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

**No. 384**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (Easter)

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*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN**

You Servants of God

**No. 825**

**DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace...

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

SPECIAL THANKS to Christopher Poromon for sharing his musical talents in today's service.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher:	Emil Sribney, Clarice Rasmuson
Lector:	David Richardson
Communion Assistant:	Dave Wong
Altar Guild:	Pat Fedkenheuer
Refreshments:	David Richardson, Shannon Friesen
Zoom Host:	Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week	4 May 2025	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 3,843.82	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 0	
Other	\$ 2,300	
Attendance	54	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	11 May	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	12 May	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	13 May	1:00 PM	HLW Bible Study
		6:00 PM	Elders
		6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	14 May	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	16 May	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	17 May	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	18 May	10:30 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter
			Birthday Sunday

SWARM - The Southwest Area Refugee Mission is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13 May at 7:00 PM. at Advent Lutheran Church. A Zoom connection will also be available. As part of the Southwest Area of the Synod, you are welcome to attend.

Email calgaryswarm@gmail.com with your interest. New members are welcome to our CORE committee.

HOTSHOTS – Join us on Tuesday 20 May at 10:00 AM as we hope to access the movie “Jack the Bear” followed by a KFC lunch. All are welcome, as are friends. Sign up sheet is downstairs.

HOSPICE CALGARY - Dying to Know: “*Transformation of Hope Through a Palliative Diagnosis*.” Free online session 20 May 2025 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Presenter: Iska Hollman. In the illness journey, hope and hopelessness are intertwined, often unrecognized or given little credit. By understanding this connection, we can better support others in their journey of life and grief. Register [here](#).

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES – is hosting a Free Education Luncheon “*Caring for the Pessimist*” 31 May 2025 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in the basement (66 7 Street NE, Calgary). Lunch 11:30 AM, Presentation 12:30 PM This talk may provide some tools when caring for an individual or member of your family. RSVP before 22 May lhmsac@gmail.com. See poster downstairs for more details.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18	Psalms 148
Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35