



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVANT LEADERS RECOGNITION

GATHERING HYMN: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Verse 1 Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
 Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Verse 2 Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
 Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name

*Pre-Chorus Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll, Turn back to praise
 When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say*

*Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

Verse 3 Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me
 When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Verse 4 Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering
 Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

*Bridge You give and take away, You give and take away
 My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name*

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GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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.**

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43 *Peter raises Tabitha/Dorcas from the dead*

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17 *A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb*

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30 *Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep*

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

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

PROMISELAND KIDS: “Big House”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Jacob Beenken

Olivia Eastvold

Jessa Swearingen

Gracie Conrad

Aubrey Miller

SERMON

Pastor Zech Anderson

SABBATICAL BLESSING

P: God traces our journeys and resting places,

C: And is acquainted with all our ways.

P: God will watch over our going out and our coming in,

C: From this time forth and forevermore.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “**The Lord is My Shepherd**” Keith & Melody Green

Verse 1

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want, He makes me lie down in green pastures

He leads me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul

And guides my path in righteousness, For His name's sake

Chorus

Surely goodness and loving-kindness, Shall follow me all the days of my life

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, Forever and ever and ever

Verse 2

Though I walk through the valley, Of the shadow of death, I will not fear Thou art with me

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me, Thou preparest a table

Before me in the presence of my enemies

Bridge

Thou anointest my head with oil, My cup's overflowing

Ending

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.*

Marj Anderson
Liam Bartleson
Taylor Bartleson
Joan Beebe
Bob Berg
Randall Betz

Jan Buffington
Ivy Mae Callow
Hayden Despenas
Mary Ellis
Matt Grieff
Doris Johnson

Mercedes
Jill (Lewison) Nedved
Tim Schmidt
Joan Swanson
Lucky Truong
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”** #310 (vs. 1,4)

OFFERING PRAYER

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”** #860

BLESSING: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
 Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior,
 and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Today’s worship service is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast today is given in honor of Bai Tran’s 80th birthday (May 5) from Tim, Kim, Landon & Laynie Severson.

Worship Participants:

Altar Care: Marla Betz
Assisting Minister: Patti Strukel
Scripture Reader: Mark Johnson
Communion Set Up: Tasha Banta
Greeter: Shirley Rollefson
Coffee: God’s Community Helpers Group

Sound/Video Tech: Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak
Band: Rylie Walton, Antonio Lopes, Geno Lopes
Song Leaders: Pastor Zech, Sarah Leichsenring, Steve Olmstead
Ushers: Chad & Marcy Hanson family
Communion Servers: Keith Walker, Joy Newcom
Promiseland Music: Emily Walker, Elizabeth Bohl