



"The Lord is my shepherd."

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM

Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

The King of Love My Shepherd is Hymn # 502

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

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.

A: A reading from Acts—

³⁶Now 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.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.”

A: ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

A: ³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

C: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

C: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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.

A: A reading from Revelation—

⁹After 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.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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,

¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

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

¹⁷for 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.”

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as we welcome the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴So 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.”

²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;

²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

³⁰The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

MEDITATION

Prelude in A Major No. 7 Arr. by Chopin

Please stand.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into Heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petition Response to "God, in your mercy:" **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

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

C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY

Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice? by Suzanne Lord

(Featuring the Adult Choir)

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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 (Pastor)

Please remain standing.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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 assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Eternal Source of Light Divine by G.F. Handel

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, +bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today Hymn # 369

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of Her Husband, Al, and Her Mother, Martha Ewald
by Emmy Grenzlig

In Loving Memory of Their Mothers, Caroline Gross and Emilie Geestmann
by Claudia & John Gross

In Loving Memory of Lilly Pettersson
by Lilly Ann Munnich

In Loving Memory of Their Mothers, Helen Ohlander and Alma Saunders
by Doris & Roger Ohlander

In Loving Memory of Barbara's Mother, Myrna Roepke
by Barbara & Roy Stone

Serving Today

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Terry Ciro, Eileen Colton, Claudia Gross, Lilly Ann Munnich,
Carol Shoemaker

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Usher: Eric Juergens

Nicole Nicholson: Director of Music

Kamelija Galijan-Curry: Organist

Roxanne Toomey: Deacon

Della Rao: Parish Administrator, Christian Education Coordinator

Dana Antonette: Nursery School Director

Weekly Announcements

CLC Welcomes Rev. John Backe. Thank you for leading our worship today!

Today is Mother's Day Caring Sunday. Displayed in our narthex and listed in the enclosed bulletin, you will find the names of our beloved mothers and mother figures. Whether they are with us or with the Lord, we thank God for them. We are especially proud to contribute to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition in their honor and memory.

On Sunday, May 22nd, Bishop Egensteiner will lead us in worship and bless our remodeled parsonage. All are invited afterwards for an open house and continental breakfast, hosted by Council. We will also be celebrating the retirements of Pastor Nale and Elaine DiChiara. **If you would like to attend this special day, please submit an RSVP form by May 15th. The RSVP form can be found enclosed in your bulletin.**

CLC is looking forward to several exciting summer events, including the upcoming July 4th Parade. **We welcome decorators and marchers.** Please contact the Church office by **May 15th** if you would like to be involved.

All ladies are invited to WELCA's Anniversary Luncheon, to be held on Wednesday, June 1st at Villa D'Aqua. If you would like to attend, please submit the RSVP form on page ten of your bulletin by **May 27th**.

The Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) is holding a baseball fundraiser. **Yankees vs. Red Sox tickets** are available! If interested, please visit **<https://www.lsanewyork.org/events-lsa>** or contact the Church office.

Registration is underway! Vacation Bible School will be held from **June 27th-30th**.

Our theme this year is Making Waves. If you would like to be involved in this special week, please reach out to Jess or John Heron at (516) 633-9518, or email jheron423@yahoo.com.

St. John's Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Apple Juice or Cranberry Blend, 64 oz. - Canned Peaches - Canned Peas
Canned Pears - Campbell's Cream of Mushroom of Soup - Cooking Oil
Egg Noodles - Ketchup - Mustard - Pancake Mix - Shampoo - Syrup
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

CLC This Week: May 8th through 15th

Happy Mother's Day! Sunday, May 8th

Worship & Music Meeting: Monday, May 9th, 7:00 PM

Council Meeting: Monday, May 9th, 8:00 PM

Bell Choir: Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 PM

Adult Choir: Wednesday, May 11th, 8:00 PM

Thrift Shop: Friday, May 13th, 9:00AM-3:00PM

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,
or check your latest copy of the Spire.

WELCA's Anniversary Luncheon

Friday, June 1, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Please join us for our Anniversary Luncheon. We will gather at:

Villa D'Aqua - 2565 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore
(Approximately a mile south of Merrick Road, on the left)

Phone: 516-308-4900

The cost per person is \$27. You will have a selection of:

Soup or Salad

Chicken, Veal, Seafood, or Pasta Special

Dessert and Coffee

If you plan to attend, please submit this form with your payment by **May 27th**.
Please make all checks out to WELCA. You may send these to the Church office,
or give them directly to Claudia Gross or Lilly Ann Munnich. Hope to see you there!

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Yes, I plan on attending WELCA's Anniversary Luncheon.

Name: _____

I have enclosed a check for \$27 made out to WELCA.



We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart
Danielle Chillemi - Donna Chillemi - Regina Coons - Sal Costanzo
Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Charlie Fisher - Travis Gentile
Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna - Barbara Hess
Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller
James Pallas - Roberta Pfister - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Bob Rath
Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer
Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.
Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.*



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