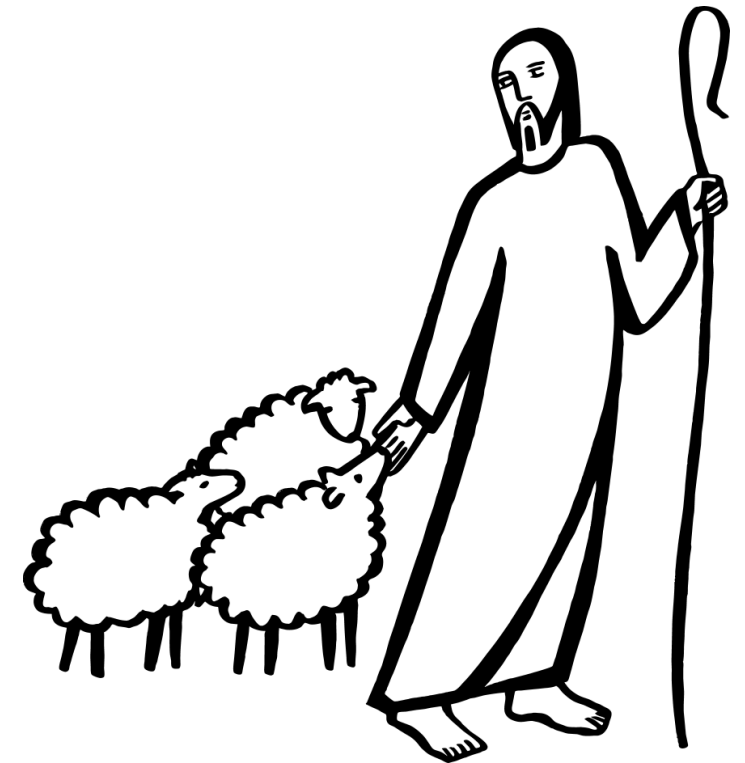




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Holy Communion, Setting Seven

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

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.

Mark, Evangelist — He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *Sarabande* Gordon Young
 Brother James Air Harold Darke

EASTER ACCLAMATION Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!** (*Repeat 3x*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN #362 *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*
 (*v.4 - women; v.5 - men; v.6 - organ*)

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us 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. **Amen**

Announcements

This Week

Monday
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

Thursday
Choir; 7:30 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship, 10:30 am

Augustana Choir

The Augustana Choir will be performing benefit concerts in Vancouver and Victoria as part of their "Due West" spring tour. Augustana is located in Camrose, AB, and is part of the University of Alberta. It was formerly known as Camrose Lutheran College, and has a long and distinguished history of musical excellence. On **Saturday, May 1, at 8:00 pm, the choir will perform at Christ Church Cathedral (Anglican) in downtown Vancouver** (Burrard and Georgia). **Proceeds from this event will be given to Lutheran Urban Mission Society.** Then on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 pm, they will sing at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria (3787 Cedar Hill Rd). This concert is in support of "Our Place Society."

Renovation Committee

The Renovation Committee was formed shortly after our basement was flooded on September 7th last year. There was a time consuming assignment which called for patience, stamina, diplomacy and commitment. While some work remains to be done, we thought it was fitting at this time to thank the following committee members:

Karl Van Spronsen
Jack Kuyer
Kim Hoath
Peter Clark
Janet Filippelli
Jeanette Price
Jackie Cleroux
June Schramm
Mikhail Lennikov

**New Life Chinese Lutheran Church
Youth Ministry Worker needed**

New Life Chinese Lutheran Church seeks a Youth Ministry Worker to help minister to its English-speaking youth (ages 13 to 18 years). The position is fulltime, but flexible in terms of schedule and hours, to begin as early as July 2010. All inquires, requests for more information, and electronic submissions of resume should be sent to the YMW Search Committee at ymsearch@nlclc.org. Applications can also be submitted by fax (604) 324-6110 or by mail to NLCLC - YMW Search Committee, 6215 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C. V5W 2T9. Application deadline is **May 31, 2010**.

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OFFERING/OFFERTORY*Now the Green Blade Rises*

Paul Manz

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(Prayer over the gifts)***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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FRACTION The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.****“LAMB OF GOD”** *(Choir sings first, then all sing once)*

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It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God’s family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**#385 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”***Teach Me, Lord*

Thomas Attwood

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BLESSING**SENDING HYMN** **#424 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”****DISMISSAL**Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE***Prelude in E Minor*

J. S. Bach

WORD

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 was 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.

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.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

HYMN **#778 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”****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, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

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 honour 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."

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Come and Be Joyful”* Antonio Vivaldi

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing verse before and after reading*) p. 179

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.

Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O God.**

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."

Response to conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY #843 *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE BASEMENT
RENOVATION COMMITTEE**

APOSTLES’ 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Let us pray for all assemblies who gather around the Lamb; for all artists and musicians; for all Sunday school teachers and altar guilds; for all greeters and communion assistants. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the created order; for endangered species and polluted watersheds; for clear-cut forests and mountains scarred by mining; for our smog-filled atmosphere and the vast solar system. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for every nation, all tribes, peoples, and languages; for doctors and teachers; for labourers and politicians; for farmers and homemakers; for business owners and those who cannot find work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who suffer ordeals; for those who are poor and hungry; for those who have been raped or tortured; for those who are grieving; for those who are orphaned or lonely; for those who are dying; for those in any need *especially...* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our community and our congregation; for those who cannot be here today and any visitors among us; for those anticipating marriage and those mourning a divorce; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us remember with thanksgiving all the faithful departed who heard the voice of the Shepherd and followed *especially Mark, the evangelist...* Like them, may we also be guided to the springs of the water of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**