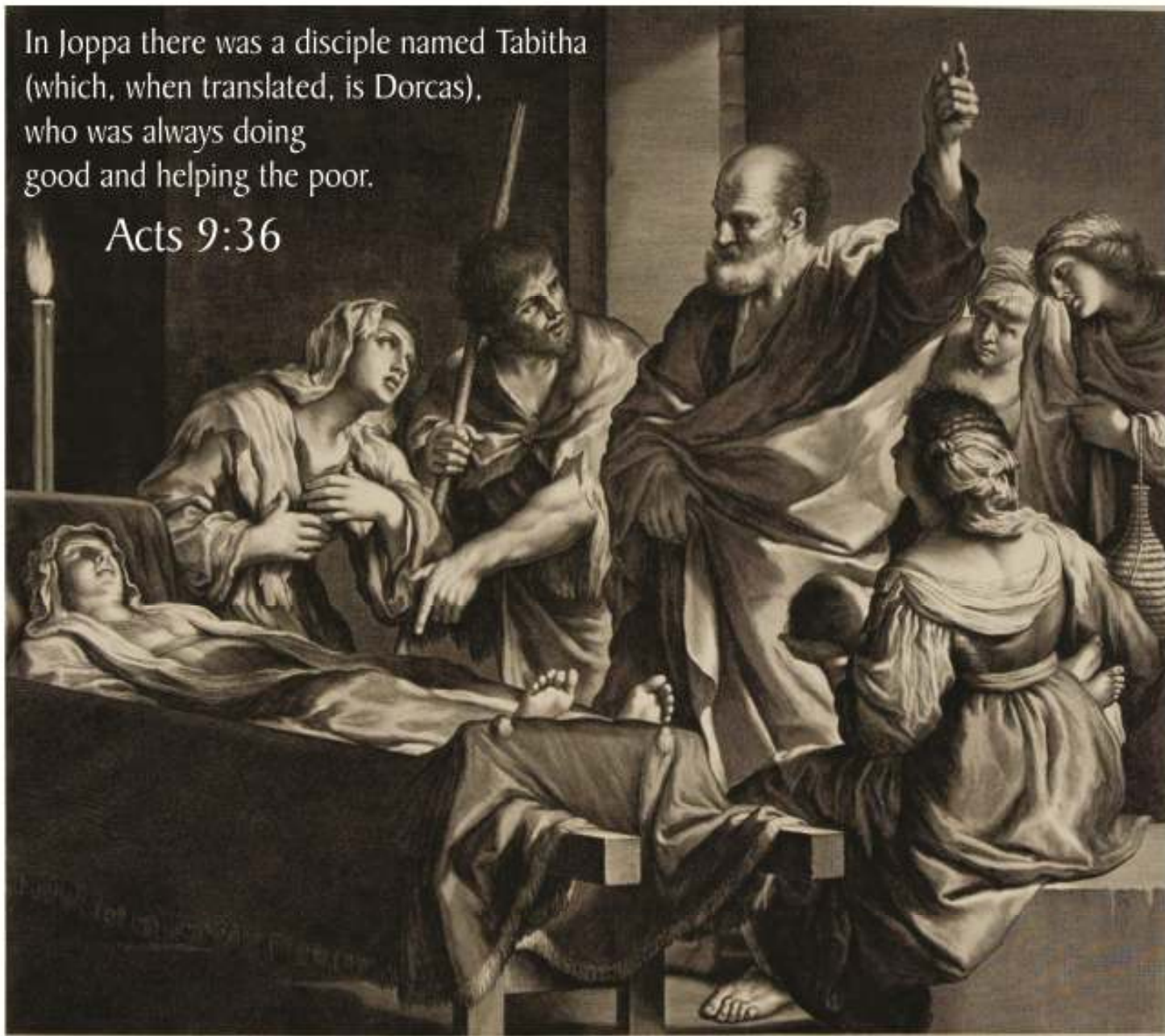


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Worship Notes
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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, we thank you for the love you have made known to us by sending Jesus to live and die in our place. May we also express our love for you by showing such love for one another. Make us kind and selfless, giving and generous, always seeking the good of others, and motivated by your saving grace which forgave our transgressions and made your salvation ours as a gift of your mercy. Teach us to share your love and the message of salvation that is ours through your grace by all we say and do. We pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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ANTHEM

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

CW439

9:30 am

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Lord

CW Supplement 735

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-42

Acts 9:36-42 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and

urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead

woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 98

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SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-11

1 John 4:1-11 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You,

dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from

God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

GENERAL VERSE

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GOSPEL

John 15:9-17 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each	other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have	made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.
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HYMN of the DAY

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

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SERMON

Acts 9:36-42

LOVE IS THE QUIET SHOUT OF FAITH

- 1. It Humbly Does our Savior's Bidding**
- 2. It Speaks Volumes About Who We Are in Christ**

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Sunday School Children sing
	9:30 am	Bible Class
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Wed	7 pm	Senior Choir
Thu	4 pm	Grades K-8 sing
	4 & 7 pm	Ascension Services
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
	4 & 7:30 pm	MLC Commencement Concerts
Sat	10 am	MLC Commencement Service
	2:30 pm	MLC Call Service
	5 & 8 pm	MVL Prism Concerts

† Weekend Services †

Saturday: 7 pm

Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

Text: Hebrews 7:11-28

Theme: A Priest of a Different Kind

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14	7 pm	Joint Council Meeting at St. Paul's Church
May 15	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
May 16	6 pm	Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting
May 18	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
May 19	12:30 pm	Youth Group: Fishing and Frisbee at Lost Dog & Fox Hunters Park
May 19/20		Summer Schedule Begins (no 11 am service)
May 23	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Kindergarten Spring Show
May 25	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
May 27		25th Anniversary Celebration of Laura Balza
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
May 28		Church office closed
May 29	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
May 30	2 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert
	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Closing Service at St. Paul's Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 665.

Fruits of faith given:

\$9,550	Home Operations ~ \$14,532 is our weekly need	
\$813	MVL ~ \$1,118 is our weekly need	\$60 Prison Ministry
\$927	Missions ~ \$1,648 is our weekly need	\$20 Kitchen Fund
\$814	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	

Hospitalized ~ this week was Gary Lienig, who was broad-sided by a semi-truck, and air-lifted to Hennepin County Medical Center but survived without having sustained any broken bones or injuries to vital organs. Also, Greg Holden was hospitalized for a stretch of several days at U of M Hospital East in Minneapolis following complications from a kidney and pancreas transplant at Christmas. Thankfully, it can be reported that he was able to return home this weekend. We also continue to pray for Richard Hoffman, as his body didn't react well with chemo following his cancer surgery, causing him to have to make a number of visits to the hospital as well. Please keep the continuing recovery of these people in your prayers.

New Associate Pastor ~ Pastor Rob Guenther has accepted the call to be the pastor of St. John's as the associate of Pastor Bovee. Pastor Guenther, his wife Rebecca, and their four children will arrive in late June. The Guenthers plan to live in the recently-purchased home at 601 S. Washington. Therefore, we are thankful for the timing of the purchase of that property. Keep the Guenthers in your prayers as they prepare for the long move from Alaska to Minnesota. His installation will take place on July 8th. Please watch the bulletin and *Fortress* for further developments.

Thank You, Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders ~ We are very grateful for the many individuals who assisted with our Sunday School and Youth programs this past year. Please take a moment to thank the following for their faithful service.

- * **Senior Youth:** Carrie Schaefer, Melanie Mohror, Mike & Lisa Goeglein
- * **Grades 7-8:** Ben Snyder and Dawn Weisensel
- * **Grades 5-6:** Rylee Weisensel
- * **Grades 3-4:** Peggy Pekrul and Ashley Urbanek
- * **Grades 1-2:** Ruth Aufderheide
- * **PreK and K:** Denise Karstens and Gwynne Gutzke
- * **Infants and Toddlers:** Natalie Borgwardt, Michelle Grubbs, Becca Koelpin
- * **Assistants, Musicians, Substitutes:** Mary Thom, Emily Stoering, Christine Baganz, Pastor Laitinen, Lisa Lindemann, Ben Strackbein, Mattie Martindale

We are always in need of teachers and substitutes. If you have an interest in serving in this capacity in the coming year, please speak with Pastor Bovee.

Youth Group Fishing and Frisbee ~ Youth in grades 6 - 12 can meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm on Saturday, May 19 and drive to Lost Dog & Fox Hunters Park. Bring your fishing pole, bait, your favorite outdoor game and a snack to share. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are able to come. Parents, if you are able to drive please contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or text/call 217-7117. We plan to be back at church by 3:30 pm.

Laura Balza 25 Years of Faithful Service ~ A service and program are scheduled to thank God for the faithful service of Laura Balza for 25 years in the Teaching Ministry. This celebration will be held at St. John's Church on Sunday, May 27th, beginning with the 9:30 am service. A short program with light refreshments will follow in the church basement. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex if you can help or bring food items.

Easter Lilies ~ Anyone with a green thumb is welcome to take home our worn-out Easter lilies. They are on a table in the new narthex. Please feel free to take as many as you'd like.

Lost and Found ~ Please check the table in the new narthex for any items that may be yours.

St. Paul's School Spring Band Concert ~ has been rescheduled due to a track meet on May 17th. The band concert will be Wednesday, May 30 at 2 pm.

St. Paul's School *Time to Build* Campaign News ~ We celebrate our new school improvement campaign with the awesome news that total offerings for the project are \$2,230,000 and the fund balance after expenses is over \$1,717,000! Please keep the project in your prayers and offerings! Please make donations to St. Paul's Lutheran School

LWMS Ladies ~ It is time once again to cast your vote for the International LWMS officers and projects. The ballots are in the new narthex. Please fill out and return to the basket provided by May 13th. Select one from each category. Thank you for voting.

The *Continue in My Word* ~ books are now available for those that ordered them. Please see Kelly Emde for your order. Cost is \$3 per copy.

OWLS ~ Our historic April snowfall cancelled our Minnesota OWLS District Rally but, our speakers are very eager to come on May 14. Pastor Tim and Megan Redfield will tell us about their adopted and blind, but much cherished, daughter's care and special needs. She is a 6-year-old kindergartener. You may even be able to read about her in advance in the May Forward in Christ. You will also be pleased to find out that she is the great-granddaughter of Jerry and Caroline Birkholz! You will remember Jerry especially as the very first principal of MVL High School. Tim and Megan's presentation will help us learn about the challenges and joys of serving our Lord as the parents of a special needs child. Tim and Megan's presentation will begin at 1 pm but we invite you to join us already at 11:30 am for a bit of fellowship before our noon pot luck. Pastor Sutton will have a devotion at 12:45. As supporters of Lutherans for Life we cannot but honor these young parents for choosing to be the mother and father of a special needs child. Thank you for considering this opportunity for learning.

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About the Cover ~ This illustration from an Italian Bible entitled, "The Marvels of God Shown in the Sanctity of Peter," depicts the Apostle Peter going into the room of a saint who had died. Her name was Tabitha, the Hebrew word of a gazelle; thus she was also called, "Dorcas," the Greek word for gazelle. During her life she had dedicated her talents in love to the needs of others, sewing clothes for all who needed them. Her death was devastating to those in Joppa who knew her. However, by God's grace, Peter was enabled to raise her to life again, thus manifesting God's power over death, and his love for his people.