

May 11, 2025

First Reading

Psalm 23

A reading of the 23rd Psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though 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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the 9th Chapter 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**