

Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3rd, 2020

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Sunday: Divine Worship @ 10 a.m.

Serving the Church today:

Altar Guild: Pastor

Elder: Gerry Grienke

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY: Laura Zacharias, Carol Knudson, Shawn & Connie Seaman, Wally Funk, Geraldine Rosentreter, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Kimberly Nachtigall, Jennifer Nault, Bill Shymanski, Cathy Thompson, Aryssa Rowe, Rilyn Rewniak, Dalton Dolding and all those we name in our hearts.

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Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One

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Opening Hymn: Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship

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- 1 Lord, this day we've come to worship;
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Grace us with Your blessed presence;
Blessèd Savior, be our host. Refrain
- ref Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, praise the Lord!
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Alleluia, praise the Lord!
- 2 In the pow'r of resurrection
We have come to praise the Lord,
Celebrate His blessed supper,
And to learn His holy Word. Refrain
- 3 May Your Word enrich our spirit,
Give us strength to do Your will,
Show the kingdom we'll inherit,
When at last our voice is still. Refrain
- 4 As we meet our blessed Savior
At the Table of the Lord,
May this body broken for us
Strength and comfort, Lord, afford. Refrain
- 5 Celebrate the resurrection
In the church and sing His praise,
Till we come to true perfection:
Serve the Lord through all our days. Refrain

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit *Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God,

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I am the good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The First Reading**Acts 2:42–47**

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm**Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1**

¹The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

²**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

³He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

⁴**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶**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 Epistle Lesson

1st Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him Who judges justly. ²⁴He Himself bore our sins in His Body on the Tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the Words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] **“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”** ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the Door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon: What does Life look like?

John 10:1–10

The Apostles' Creed

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- ☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering: Where Charity and Love Prevail

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- 1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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Offertory

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- ☐ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Lord's Prayer

G 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.

Closing Collect

Benediction

Hymn to Depart: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, although our family of Christ cannot be together in the House of God, I Pray that you are healthy and staying safe in your homes! May God be with you all keeping you safe in His ever loving arms until that day, when we can join together in His House of Prayer to give Him all Glory, Praise and Thanksgiving for His never ending love toward us His beloved children. In Jesus' Name, I Pray. Amen.

Also Just a reminder to everyone, if you so desire, please call the Church from Tuesday through Friday, to make an appointment for Private Confession and Absolution as well as partaking of our Lord's True Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith. Both individual and the common Cup will be made available for you. Also, if an evening or weekend work better for you we can arrange that also. The Lord be with you all!!!

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