



Welcome to worship with

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Christian Education Sun. 9:15 am Sundays

*"A Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving, and Proclaiming"*

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter + May 3, 2020

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

### AS WE GATHER

The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: "Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home." Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words "I am the Good Shepherd" more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

### CALL TO WORSHIP & PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### HYMN #465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

*sts. 1, 3-4*

- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
People **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Pastor For He is our God,  
People **We are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!**

## CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

*Micah 6:6–8*

Pastor Let us come before God in repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.

People **With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?**

Pastor He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

People **Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We repent and are sorry for all our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may follow where He leads until that time when we, by His grace, come to dwell in Your house forever.**

Pastor God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor: Have no fear, little flock, for He is your God.

People: **We are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!**

## HYMN #735

## HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK

1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**



## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:42–47*

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**He leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For 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. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 156*

**Congregation**

**Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:1–10*

**Pastor**

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

**People**

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they

will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”<sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Pastor                    This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People                    Praise to You, O Christ.

## **HYMN #740**

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,

## **I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB**

- Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

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## **SERMON**

*“Lambs Listen and Follow”*  
John 10:1-10

## **THE THIRD ARTICLE**

### *Sanctification*

**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.**

### *What does this mean?*

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

...Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## BENEDICAMUS

Pastor                Let us bless the Lord.  
People                Thanks be to God!

## BENEDICTION

### HYMN #770

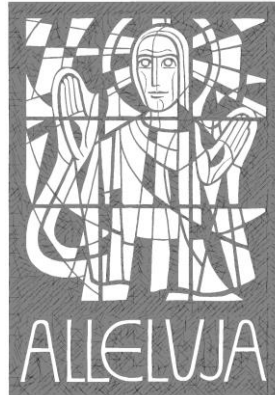
- 1    What a friend we have in Jesus,  
      All our sins and griefs to bear!  
      What a privilege to carry  
      Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
      Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
      Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
      All because we do not carry  
      Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 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.

### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- 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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## POSTLUDE



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