

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM



**As We Gather      Second Sunday of Easter      May 8, 2022**  
***Mother's Day***

It is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the familiar twenty-third Psalm is echoed throughout our worship. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. There is work to do before we get to eternity, for following our Shepherd entails confessing our faith even when death's shadow falls on us. It means vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns in the First Reading. But in his vision, John tells us that Christ is now the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne. We can be confident that what we believe by faith we shall know by experience in the unending joy of the Father's house.

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Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.**

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily.  
(1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church can come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE “He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd” – Handel (The Messiah)**  
**WELCOME**

**HYMN #525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” sts. 1,3,5**

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;  
**C** I shall not want.  
**P** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne  
**C** will be their shepherd,  
**P** and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.  
**C** And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
**P** Lord, our God,  
**C** we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd’s voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

**P** Fellow sheep within Christ’s fold, our Lord Jesus was God’s sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

**INTROIT** Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

**P** I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**P** He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

**C** from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.

**P** With upright heart he shepherded them

**C** and guided them with his skillful hand.

**P** But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;

**C** from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

**P** 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.

**C** 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** Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Lord, have mercy on us.

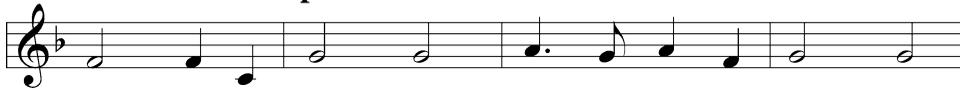
**P** Christ, have mercy on us.

**C** Christ, have mercy on us.

**P** Lord, have mercy on us

**C** and grant us Your peace. Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE Splendor and Honor LSB 905



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er  
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,  
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,  
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:  
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -  
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and  
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.  
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.  
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,
- C** 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;
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## FIRST READING      Acts 20:17–35

“<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL      *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

**P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

## SECOND READING Revelation 7:9–17

“<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE Romans 6:9; John 10:14

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C** Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22–30

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know

them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

**SERMON "Like A Compassionate Mother" Isaiah 49:14-18**

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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** Psalm 23

**P** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:

**C** **The LORD is my shepherd.**

**P** We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:

**C** **I shall not want.**

**P** We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:

**C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

- P** We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God’s will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:
- C** **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**
- P** We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [including . . .], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:
- C** **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.**
- P** We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:
- C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY LSB 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, went through the valley of the shadow of death so that we might follow Him to Your eternal home in heaven. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus      LSB 178

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### WORDS OF OUR LORD      “Remember Me” G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom

- P** (*Sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”

- C** (*Sung*) “**So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed Your blood  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed your blood.**”

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### 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.**

### PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI LSB 163

- G** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- #711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
- #537 Beautiful Savior
- #752 Be Still, My Soul
- #739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation we have received in this Sacrament.
- G** **Keep us strong in the faith that nothing shall separate us from You as we follow our Good Shepherd, who has led the way to the eternal banquet;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

### BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- G** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN #725 “ Children of the Heavenly Father”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ila Larson  
in memory of her husband, Merrill (Moe)

**Reader Today: Jan Aslin**

**PRAYER LIST:** Roger Camara, hospice; Harold Holtz, cancer treatment; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues May 10 1:30 p.m. Solo Saints Lunch @ Scotty's – Falcon Ridge  
Wed May 11 11:00 a.m. Childcare Chapel  
Thur May 12 10:30 a.m. Jesus Time  
Thur May 12 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group  
Thur May 12 1:00 p.m. Childcare Board Meeting

## BIRTHDAYS

May 9 Judy Duncker      May 12 Brooke Helsten      May 14 Mike Ethington  
May 16 Taralee Helsten      May 16 Mary Liss      May 18 Nancy Martin

## ANNIVERSARIES

May 15 Lonnie & Gayle Malwitz      May 18 Jim & Patti Jones

### **Childcare Coin Jar Deposit - \$187.00**

#### **A Mother's Love**

**A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...**

**It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...**

**It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...  
A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.**

(Author Unknown)

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