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Sunday, April 30th, 2023
The 4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

Prelude
Tower Bells and Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Opening Hymn

Awake My Soul, and with the Sun

LSB 868

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 23

**1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

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

**3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**4 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.**

**5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

Kyrie

LSB 204

C: (*sing*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sing*)

**1 To God on high be glory. And peace to all the earth;
Good will from God in heaven. Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing —
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-beotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" Our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened 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. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47 (*sit*)

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Jesus, Shepherd of My Heart*

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 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. 21 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. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 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. 24 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. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

LSB 205

C: (*stand and sing*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

1 "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. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The 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.**

Apostles’ Creed (*Inside back hymnal cover*) LSB 207

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is* **LSB 709**

Sermon

Hymn *I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb* **LSB 740**
(*Offering brought up during last verse.*)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For steadfast faith to hear the voice of our great Shepherd, that passing through the valley of the shadow of death we may receive our portion in His abundant life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of the Holy Spirit by the Means of Grace, that daily the number of believers who are being saved may increase and God’s people may proclaim His truth with all boldness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For artists, musicians and writers, that our gracious heavenly Father would inspire them in their creativity to glorify the Good Shepherd’s truth; and that He would direct our hearts and minds to that which is beautiful, noble and pleasing in His sight, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who would govern the people of the Church, that they would be held accountable and honor the purpose of the Good Shepherd as they protect His people and serve the cause of justice and liberty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer in body or mind, for the unemployed, for the grieving and for those near death, [*especially _____,*] that the wounds of our Shepherd would give them healing and His voice give certainty in every sorrow, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For unity in the one true faith as God's people devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all baptized Christians, that we whose sins have been crucified in Christ's body on the tree would bring forth the fruit of holy lives by His continual grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Our Father,
Which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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I. Straying and Wounded Sheep

Peter quotes _____ 53 to teach us our condition before Jesus.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Cannot _____ ourselves

Cannot _____ ourselves

II. Jesus Calls and Tends to His Sheep

There are _____ and _____ that lead sheep to _____

Fake _____

Fake _____

Jesus own _____ , that is His _____ , call to His sheep.

Jesus calls His sheep to true _____ .