

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
May 3, 2020, 8:15am
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT WORSHIP
Good Shepherd Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing we lack when the Lord is our Shepherd.

People: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

Pastor: His pastures are green and his streams are refreshing. In him we live in security and abundance.

People: He refreshes and restores my soul.

Pastor: His paths are sure and His protection is sound.

People: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Pastor: Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You walked before us to the cross and resurrection and have prepared a place for us. When we walk through dark valleys, this pandemic, we need not fear for You are with us, to care for us, strengthen us and help us. Today may we hear your voice and follow you. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture.

People: Amen!

OPENING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have bought us, we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to You. Amen.**

Public Domain (#711 LSB)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We acknowledge that we, like sheep, have wandered away. Jesus is our Shepherd and yet we live in fear and worry as if we have no one who cares for us; no one working behind the scene for our good.

People: **We sometimes choose paths that lead us away from our Savior rather than rest with him beside the still waters.**

Pastor: We listen to and follow voices that aren't the voice of our Shepherd.

People: **We stubbornly think that we know the pastures in which we should graze and ignore the path of righteousness to which He guides us.**

Pastor: Today our Shepherd has come to us. We confess our sins to Him so that He might forgive us and renew our relationship with Him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

People: **O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd: Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, renew us and lead us in this life and into everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Your Shepherd has had mercy upon You and me and comes to us this day with love. Our sins are totally forgiven by His death and resurrection. He has washed us pure. We belong to Him! Listen to his voice and follow him in abundant life.

People: **The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.**

EPISTLE LESSON 1 PETER 2:19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-10

1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. 3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.**

**Yea, 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.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs 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.**

SONG "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**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.**

Day by day, at home, away,

**Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

**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. Amen.**

Public domain (#740 LSB)

SERMON "We Have A Good Shepherd – We Will Get Through This!" John 10:1-10/Psalm
23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Blessed are you, Holy Father, for You have spread before us an abundant banquet of life. You sent Your Son as our Shepherd, and through His death and resurrection we are restored as Your children, confident in Your love and grace, assured of Your presence. Jesus prepares a table for us in the presence of our enemies, and we eat and drink in joy and thanksgiving. Just as sheep look to their shepherd to lead them to their food, we now come to You for Spiritual Food!

On the night He was betrayed.....

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Public Domain (#805 LSB)

**TODAY'S OFFERING
Will be received as you leave the parking lot!**

HAVE A BLESSED LORD'S DAY