



*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
May 3, 2020-10:00 a.m. (Remote)*

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We envision a world fed and led by God.

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8:00 AM-3:00 PM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Church Bells

Prelude.....*Open Our Eyes* - Bob Cull

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

C: We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Song “Feed My Lambs”

Vs 1 At the daybreak Christ is waiting, Risen Healer, Constant Friend,
By a fire preparing breakfast, humble meal of fish and bread.;
And he beckons his disciples from a weary night at sea,
In the crescent light he questions,
“Do you love me more than these?”

Refrain Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, Feed my lambs, follow me.
Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, Feed my lambs follow me.

Vs 2 Through the years the church has gathered
‘round the Christ, Eternal Flame,
known in water, word and banquet, Serving all he calls by name.
Here the yearning, here the witness, here the provender of grace,
Love that finds forgives an fills us, sends us singing from this place;
Refrain

Vs 3 Now the church a living welcome moves as Christ within the world,
Both its faith and sin confessing, life is mended, healed, restored;
Seeing Christ in ev’ry stranger, sharing freely all that’s giv’n,
Bearing hope through joy and justice,
bread of earth and bread of heav’n. *Refrain*

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Pages 149-150

"This Is the Feast"

Worship Leader



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Salutation

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

The Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray, O God our shepherd,
- C: **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading *Acts 2:42-47*

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

- A: The word of the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23..... Mark Templeton (Jay Heare, vocalist)

Kids Talk..... Pastor Paul

Second Reading..... *1 Peter 2:19-25*

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suf-

ferred for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.
²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation **WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151**
“Alleluia”

The Holy Gospel *John 10:1-10*
(spoken) (text for pastor’s sermon)

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go 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: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SermonRev. Paul Offhaus

Hymn of the Day **WORSHIP BOOK - 789**
“*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*”

Vs 1 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.

Vs 2 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.

Vs 3 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.

Vs 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

***Apostles' Creed**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (after each petition, please respond as follows):

A: Lord, in your mercy,

P: ...through Christ our Lord.

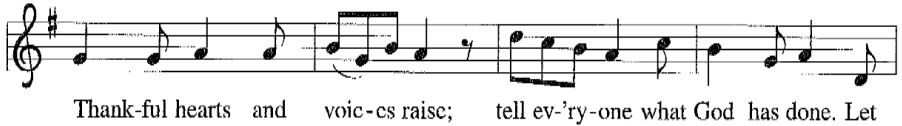
C: hear our prayer.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Time of Offering

Canticle of Thanksgiving..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Communion (in your own homes)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present “in, with and under” the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Special Music..... *Variations on “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*
Edwin T. Childs

Post Communion Blessing

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Hymn..... **WORSHIP BOOK - 543**
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Vs 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

Vs 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

Vs 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Dismissal

- A: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude..... *Sing Praise to God (TuneL Mit Freuden Zart)*
- Paul Laubengayer

THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (5/3)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Deb Waybright
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild..... Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound..... Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul


NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP LEADERS (5/10)

Presiding Minister & Preacher Rev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister Jane Porter Gresham
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Altar Guild..... Linda McGahey, Stacie Stauffer (fill oil candles only)
Media/Sound..... Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul


Feed My Lambs

Text based on John 21: 1-19

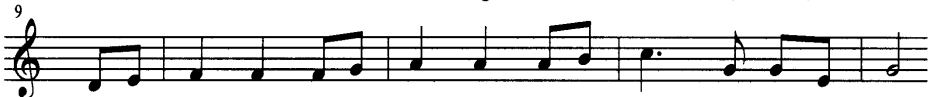
WEIDE MEINE LÄMMER




1. At the day-break Christ is wait-ing, Ris - en Heal - er, Constant Friend,
2. Through the years the church has gath - ered 'Round the Christ, E - ter - nal Flame,
3. Now the Church a liv - ing wel - come Moves as Christ with - in the world,




5
By a fire pre - par - ing break - fast, hum - ble meal of fish and bread.
Known in wa - ter, word and ban - quet, Ser - ving all he calls by name.
Both its faith and sin con - fess - ing, Life is mend - ed, healed, re - stored:



9
And he beck - ons his dis - ci - ples from a wear - y night at sea,
Here the yearn - ing, here the wit - ness, here the pro - ven - der of grace,
See - ing Christ in ev - 'ry stran - ger, shar - ing free - ly all that's giv'n,



13
In the cres - cent light he ques - tions, "Do you love me more than these?"
Love that finds, for - gives and fills us, Sends us sing - ing from this place:
Bear - ing hope through joy and jus - tice, Bread of earth and bread of heav'n.



18
Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, Feed my lambs, fol - low me.



22
Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, Feed my lambs, fol - low me.

This song was given in memory of Rolland Mommer by his wife, Helen; son and daughter-in-law, Mike & Sherry Mommer; daughter and son-in-law, Sandra & David Bradtmueller; and niece, Sharon DeYoung. The title, "Feed My Lambs," is taken from the phrase on the old school building's cornerstone (currently located at the SW corner of

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh

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