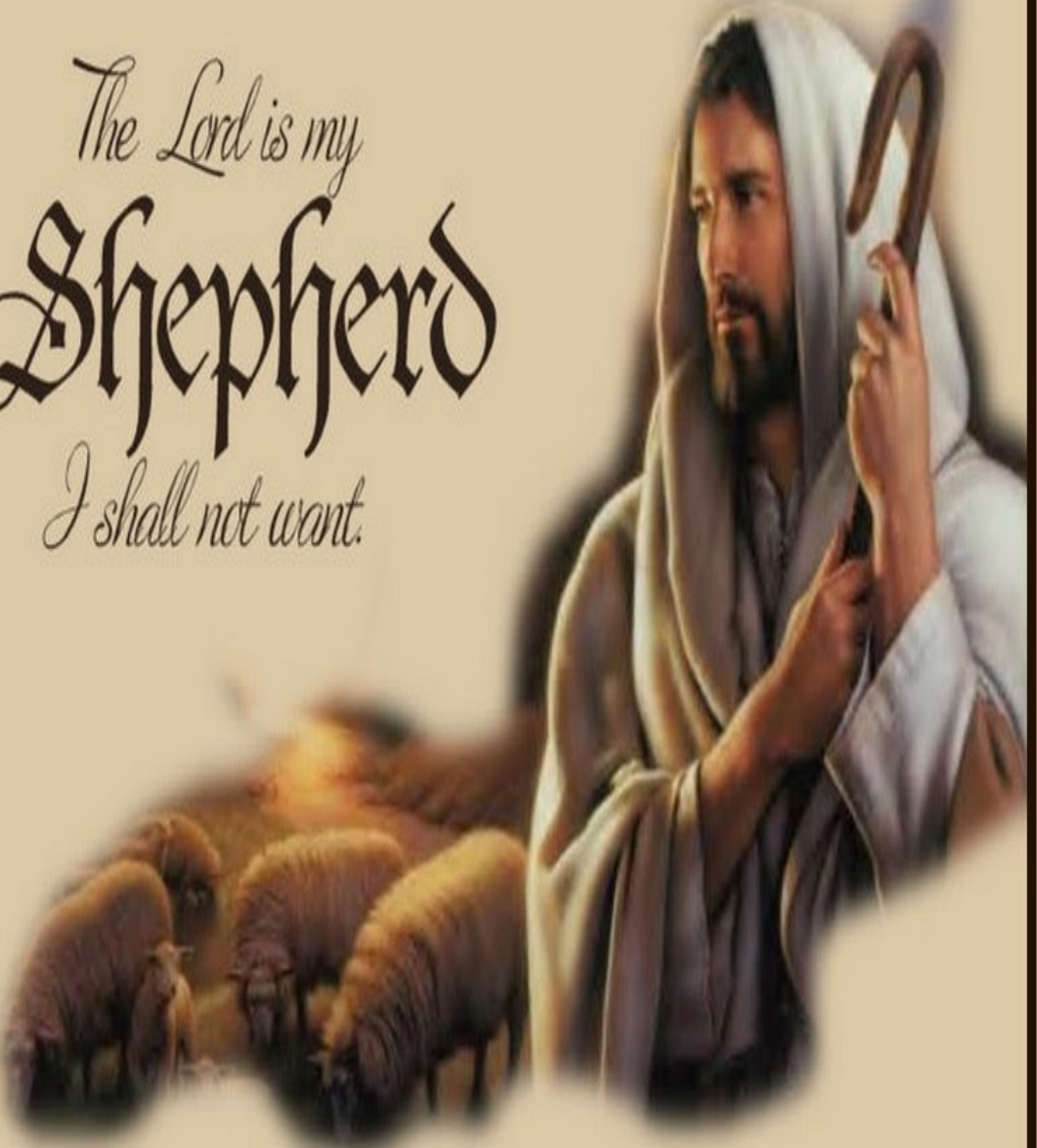


The Lord is my
Shepherd
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“The Good Shepherd Sunday”

The purpose of our Community is:
❧ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❧

Prelude

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

The Easter Dialogue & Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism. On Easter Sunday, we also begin with the traditional Easter greeting and response.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

People: The crucified One is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: He has conquered death by the cross!

People: He has come out of the tomb!

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24 NIV

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

People: His love endures forever! Psalm 118:1 NIV

Pastor: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Let us keep our Easter feast. We worship in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of the Day

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Words ...The Celebration Hymnal, 1997

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people, And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25 (NIV)

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ 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. ²⁴ "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." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10 (NIV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th chapter

Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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 our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Respond to God’s Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles’ Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) 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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.

Sermon Hymn

The Lord is My Shepherd

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Words... The Celebration Hymnal, 1997

Psalm 23 “Our Good Shepherd” (*Prayed Responsively*)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Everyone: ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Pastor: ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Everyone: ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Pastor: ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Everyone: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Psalm 23 “Our Good Shepherd” *Pastor Droegemueller*

Message Notes:

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General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together” #460

We Worship at the table of the Lord’s Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) 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!

Distribution

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Abide with Me, #642

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

(Everyone): Thanks be to God

Postlude

Things going on during the week:

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

Monday-CLOSED, Little Blessings Christian Preschool

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:

Theme: Mother; Letter: Zz; Bible: Jesus ascends into heaven.

Thursdays: Until further notice, there will be **NO meetings of Call Committee, Chior, Potluck, Bible Study**

Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

Mark Your Calendars!

May 3, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

May 16, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. *Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!* *The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.*



Birthdays and Anniversaries: May 2020

Please share your name, birthday and anniversary via the Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. [PS] denotes our Preschoolers or the staff.

Birthdays: 6-Della Welemirov; 23-Pastor Dan Giles;

Anniversaries: 3-Bob & Sharlene Miller and Kathy & Dan Shattuck

