

# FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter

4/30/2023

**WE PRAY:** Gentle Shepherd, strong Guardian of our souls, since we would be hopelessly lost in this world without Your strong hand to protect us and Your tender love to care for us, stay with us, for without You we are altogether defenseless against the enemies of our souls; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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**PRELUDE - Sheep may Safely Graze - J.S. Bach**  
**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 436**

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

- 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, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,  
      Yet will I fear no ill;  
      For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
      And staff me comfort still.
  
- 4     My table Thou hast furnished  
      In presence of my foes;  
      My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
      And my cup overflows.

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

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVOCATION

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**A:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C:** Amen.

### THE INTROIT

**P:** I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep. Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us

make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

### GLORIA PATRI

**C:** Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C:** Glory be to God on high:

**C:** And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### SALUTATION

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

### COLLECT

**P:** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened 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.

**C:** Amen.

### LESSONS

## FIRST LESSON

### **Acts 2: 42-47**

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

## EPISTLE

### **1 Peter 2: 19-25**

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**L:** Here ends the Epistle.

**C:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

### **John 10: 1-10**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To

him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

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

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

### **THE NICENE CREED** (*In Unison*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM - My Shepherd will supply My Need - Southern**

**OFFERTORY**

**A:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS****OFFERING PRAYER** (*Pastor*)**THE PRAYERS****LORD'S PRAYER****THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION****THE PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI**

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**THE DISTRIBUTION****HYMN OF THE DAY**

TLH 529 vv 1,2, and 5

*I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

- 1 I leave all things to God's direction,  
He loveth me in weal and woe;  
His will is good, true His affection,  
With tender love His heart doth glow.  
My Fortress and my Rock is He:  
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.
- 2 My God hath all things in His keeping,  
He is the ever faithful Friend;  
He grants me laughter after weeping,  
And all His ways in blessings end.  
His love endures eternally;

What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

- 5 My God desires the soul's salvation,  
Me also He desires to save;  
Therefore with Christian resignation  
All earthly troubles I will brave.  
His will be done eternally:  
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P** We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

LSB 711

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

- 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

- 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.
- 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

**BENEDICTION**

**ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE - Alleluia - W.A. Mozart**

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Music Director: Bruce Sininger





## SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

**Good morning and welcome** to Divine Service today, which is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” In our Epistle this morning, we are reminded that Jesus is far more than just a good example, He is that...and so very, very much more! Today by Word and Sacrament, our faith is strengthened to follow our Good Shepherd with confidence, joy and hope, even when we suffer unjustly in this fallen world. Come and worship the Living Savior with us again soon and receive with us His life-giving Word.

### **Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Roger Parke**- who has returned to Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Township.

**Julia Hingst**- who has been transferred to Promedica in Sterling Heights for Physical Therapy.

**Meg Oster**- who will undergo a medical procedure related to dialysis care, on May 5th.

**Clifford Popp**- brother of Judy Champine, who receives care at Autumn Woods, Warren, MI.

**Deb Wyland**- neighbor of Chuck Grabner, who has multiple health issues and needs daily strength.

**Linda Barry**- who has made good progress since her recent heart surgery.

**David Primeau** former LHE graduate and friend of the Flannery family, who is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor.

**The Family of Kathleen Marjorie Zdroj**- Who died in the Lord and will receive Christian burial Monday.

**Gary and Paula Bombard**- family of the Linsdeaus, who both need health and God's daily strength.

**Those with cancer:** Tom Harms, Lisa Zimmermann, Roy Koeppe, Bob Davis, Betty Zayac, Keith Josefiak, Sheila Rice and Frank Erbecker.

**For our confirmation students and their study of God's**

**Word:** Claire, Emma, Brady, Berkley, and Jacob.

## Life Quotes

"God's Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God." *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Pam Zimmer and Betty Gade

## One Week Ago Today:

8:15 Service: 44

10:45 Service: 58

Communion: 51

Bible Studies: 15

## **Stewardship Corner**

When we consider the economies of the various nations of the world, we must see that we are indeed wealthy. Yet, if we had but basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing, we should still consider ourselves rich. The abundance we enjoy presents a joyful opportunity. Wealth can be a tool which God allows us to possess and to manage in order that we might express love, show compassion, relieve need, spread the Gospel, help our children, and further the mission of the church. Let's use the wealth—God's wealth—to accomplish His will and purposes.

## **Contact Information**

Has your address, e-mail or phone number changed? Please let the Church Office know.

## **VBS**

VBS will be June 19th – 23rd this year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Shane in the church office.  
[admin@christthekinggp.org](mailto:admin@christthekinggp.org)

## **Call Committee**

The following members of the congregation have been selected by leadership and have agreed to participate on the call committee. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this most important mission.

Kevin Shanley (Chair)  
Ed Fleck  
Grant Harris  
Diane Wyrock  
Kurt Halsey  
Mark Kusch

Mark Gade  
Kyle Josefiak  
Nancy Josefiak  
Lisa Bush  
Lori Dane

# Vacation Bible School

June 19th - 23rd

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