

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter/
Good Shepherd Sunday



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #783

“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”

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

C ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession & Absolution

Psalm 80:1-3

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P Stir up Your might and come to save us!

C Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

C Heavenly Father, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.” We confess that by our thoughts, our words, and our actions we have strayed from Your commands. We have turned from Your love and gone our own way. Because of our wayward sin, we deserve to be sheep that are forever lost. But we pray that for the sake of Your Lamb, Jesus Christ, that You would have mercy on us. With the psalmist we confess and pray: “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.”

P Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep and took it up again, rising from the dead for our justification. Through Jesus Christ, you are redeemed, restored, and forgiven. “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

Psalm 28:8-9

P The LORD is the strength of his people;

C He is the saving refuge of his anointed.

P Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P Praise be to the Lamb that was slain for us, but who is alive forevermore!

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

G ♪ *Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,
Called to God's service.*

*To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,
Now and forever.*

Collect Prayer of the Day

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.

G ♪ **Amen.**

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is

a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.



¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: Below

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore 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!

Psalm 23

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.

“The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

G ♪ **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. Amen.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Sermon Hymn: TLH #413

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Prayers, Lord’s Prayer, and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: TLH #648

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”



The Lord
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Mission Helper Trip Fund: This Summer, Lydia Ohlmann is heading to East Africa on the CLC Mission Helper Trip. If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Lydia to travel to Africa this summer, you are invited to do so by contributing to our **Mission Helper Trip Fund**, by marking donations as such in your offering.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC Call News: Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, **is still considering the call** to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler **is still considering the limited call** from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to teach the lower grades from August through December 2024. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL **has received the call** to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. <> Blair Sydow **has received a one year call** to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran. <> The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met on Wednesday evening and **issued these calls:** Seminary graduate Paul Agenten to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 15th – 20th, 2024

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

-Psalm 119:105

Mon John 21:1-6 The third time that the risen Christ showed himself to the disciples was in Galilee by the Sea. When He filled their nets with 153 large fish, it must have reminded them of how the Lord had once called some of them in connection with a catch of fish (Lk 5:1-11).

Tues John 21:7-14 The Lord gathers His little flock around Him and feeds them. They bring in the large catch of fish, but He already has bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it and is ready to cook more for their breakfast.

Wed Revelation 2:1-5 Jesus speaks to His church in Ephesus. He praises them for their faith which has endured hardships, but reminds them that faith works by love.

Thurs Ezekiel 34:11-16 The Lord promises to be the Shepherd that His people need, gathering His flock from the countries and leading them to rich pasture, seeking the lost and binding up the injured.

Fri Ezekiel 34:23-25 As the shepherd-king David pointed to the Messiah, so the Messiah, the Seed of David, is sometimes referred to as "David." Here it is promised that He will establish a covenant of peace with the flock.

Sat Ezekiel 34:26-31 The Lord will make His flock a blessing, as He promised to Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel. He will protect them, feed them, and make them dwell in safety, whether in open spaces or forests.