

*He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms and
carries them close to
his heart.*
Isaiah 40:11



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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided for a fallen world by sending your Son to die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 5 the Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 10: This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

¹ This is the day the Lord hath made; He calls the hours His own;
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.

² Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.

³ Hosanna to th'anointed King, To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring Salvation from the throne.

⁴ Blest be the Lord, who comes to men With messages of grace;
Who comes in God His Father's name To save our sinful race.

⁵ Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heavens, in which He reigns Shall give Him nobler praise.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost
C: Amen.

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.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins, and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Responsive Introit: (John 10:14-15, 17, 27-28 NKJV)

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*,
and am known by My own.

¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father;
And I lay down My life for the sheep.

¹⁷ “Therefore My Father loves Me,
because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,
And they follow Me.

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
Neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

Hymns 237:2-4

2. We praise, we worship Thee, we trust,

And give Thee thanks forever,

O Father, that Thy rule is just

And wise and changes never.

Thy boundless pow’r o’er all things reigns,

Done is what-e’er Thy will ordains:

Well for us that Thou rulest.

**3. O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son
Of God, Thy heav'nly Father,
Who didst for all our sins atone
And Thy lost sheep dost gather:
Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high
From out our depths we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

**4. O Holy Ghost, Thou precious Gift,
Thou Comforter unfailing,
O'er Satan snares our souls uplift
And let Thy pow'r availing
Avert our woes and calm our dread.
For us the Savior's blood was shed;
We trust in Thee to save us.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴ 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.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: 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.

² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own

sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ 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.
(NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 783: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

¹ Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep, Who Your Father’s flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by You.

² In Your promise firm we stand; None can take us from Your hand.
Speak! We hear! At Your command, We will follow You.

³ By Your blood our souls were bought; By Your life salvation wrought;
By Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.

⁴ Father, draw us to Your Son; We with joy will follow on
Till the work of grace is done, There to live with You.

⁵ We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th’ assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

THE SERMON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Theme: Following the Good Shepherd’s Lead

- I. Enduring Persecution
- II. Walking in the Paths of Righteousness
- III. Returning to the Good Shepherd’s Care

SERMON TEXT: 1 Peter 2:19-25

For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²² “Who committed no sin,

Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

²³ 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; ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (NKJV)

OFFERTORY, PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymn 409: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

¹ Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding,
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

² Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e’er conform;
Heaven’s glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Tho’ we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heavenly joy;
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

³ Let us also die with Jesus, His death from the second death,
From our soul’s destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life’s glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.

⁴ Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He’s risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou are now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 51: Now May He Who from the Dead

^{1.} Now may He who from the dead Bro't the Shepherd of the sheep,
Jesus Christ, our King and Head, All our souls in safety keep!

^{2.} May He teach us to fulfill What is pleasing in His sight,
Perfect us in all His will, And preserve us day and night!

^{3.} To that dear Redeemer's praise, Who the cov'nant sealed with blood.
Let our hearts and voices raise Loud thanksgivings to our God.

CALENDAR

TODAY: No Sunday school or Bible class

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship **on-line! No in-person worship.** Text: John 14:1-12.

Sunday May 17: A voters' meeting is tentatively scheduled to follow the service.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 19 worship – 5 (for service recording) No Sunday school no Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,040.00	
Needed for Year:	\$21,250.00	
Received for Year:	\$19,213.00	

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until July 30-August 2, Thursday through Sunday in Eau Claire, WI.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ has the call to serve as pastor of St. Luke's in Lemmon SD.

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