

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

Good Shepherd Sunday ☩ May 3, 2020 ☩ 10:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

PRELUDES

WELCOME

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW Hymn 367

- 1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God of Grace, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of darkness. Help us to hear your voice of love, that by your voice we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous welcome feast prepared by you, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd and our Door, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: 1 Peter 1:21-23

Through [Christ] you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²... Now with souls purified and (with) obedience to the truth, genuine mutual love is possible, so that you can love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew ... through the living and enduring word of God.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le-lu-ia. Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le__lu-ia.

**You are his sheep, and the ones next to ya, He cares for us our whole life long.
We are his sheep, and he loves us always. Let's thank him as we sing__this song.**

Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le-lu-ia. Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le__lu-ia.

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, the person who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The one who guards the door opens it for him. And the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴When he brings all his sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don’t know his voice.” ⁶Jesus told the people this story, but they did not understand what it meant.

⁷So Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the door for the sheep. ⁸All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door, and the person who enters through me will be saved and will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life—life in all its fullness.

—New Century Version

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

—New Revised Standard Version

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

Psalm 23

P ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

I ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

II ³You restore my soul, O LORD,

--NRSV

I He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

II ⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—they protect me. ⁵You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

I ⁶Yes, goodness and [mercy] will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the LORD’s house as long as I live.

ALL: ⁶Yes, goodness and [mercy] will pursue us all the days of our lives, and we will live in the LORD’s house as long as we live.

—Common English Bible

HYMN OF THE DAY: *When Peace Like a River*

ELW Hymn 785

As you are comfortable, please sing along with Mr. Byers.

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "hear our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "With bold confidence in your love, almighty God,
we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord."
Please respond, "Amen."*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation; and so, with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- 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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

"The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW Hymn 789

- 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.**
- 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P** May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING SONG: *Reckless Love*

As you are comfortable, please sing along with Ms. Bohlken and Mr. Porter.

- 1** Before I spoke a word you were singing over me. You have been so so good to me.
Before I took a breath you breathed your life in me. You have been so so kind to me.

CHORUS: O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God!
O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it. I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away.
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God! Yeah

- 2** When I was your foe, still your love fought for me. You have been so so good to me.
When I felt no worth you paid it all for me. You have been so so kind to me. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE: There's no shadow you won't light up, mountain you won't climb up coming after me.
There's no wall you won't kick down, lie you won't tear down coming after me. CHORUS

Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson. CCLI song #7089641; CCLI License 1194419

DISMISSAL

- P** Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in Jesus' pathway of joy and life. Alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sound and Video Crew: Bill Porter, Jason Breckling, Brad Milburn, James Callison