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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

### ✠ *As We Gather* ✠

It is Good Shepherd Sunday. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. There is work to do before we get to eternity, for following our Shepherd entails vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns in today's First Reading. But in his vision, John tells us that Christ is now the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne.

### ✠ *Preparation* ✠

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN

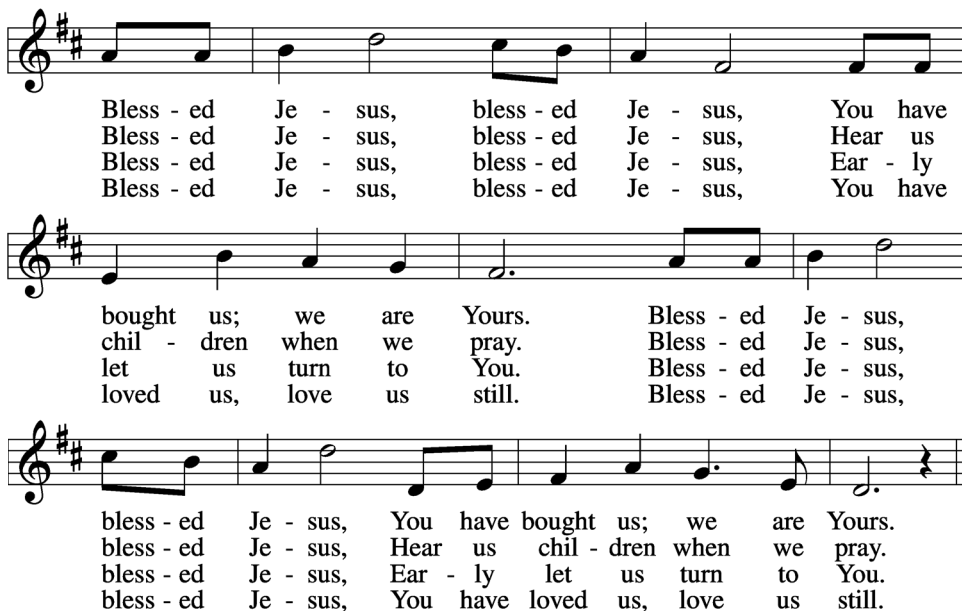
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

LSB 711

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
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## INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People **For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,**

*Psalms 23:1; Rev. 7:17*

Pastor And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

People **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Pastor Lord, our God,  
**People We confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house. Amen.**

Pastor Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People Amen.**

## ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13*

Pastor I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**People He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**

Pastor With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

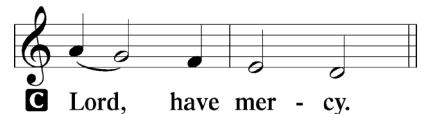
**People But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

**ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### KYRIE

*LSB, pp. 168-69*

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us,  
gracious Lord.



## HYMN OF PRAISE

*This Is the Feast*

*LSB, pp. 171-72*

Pastor This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



## SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

**ALL Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened 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. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 20:17-35**

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

<sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

<sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

## Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

LSB, p. 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will 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 King of Love My Shepherd Is*

LSB 709



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 me 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 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### † *Service of the Sacrament* †

## PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Colossians 3:1

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 136*

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, went through the valley of the shadow of death so that we might follow Him to Your eternal home in heaven. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB, p. 178*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask that You keep us strong in faith for the days ahead. Grant that we follow Your Lamb through death to eternal life, when faith turns to sight, and we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in Your eternal banquet hall.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People**      **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor      Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL**      **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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

Pastor      The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People**      **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB, p. 180*

**Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.** (An usher will direct you.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

LSB 740

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Tune: Choral-Buch Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig. Text and tune: Public domain.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

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

LSB 710

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**Pastor** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People** **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

**Pastor** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

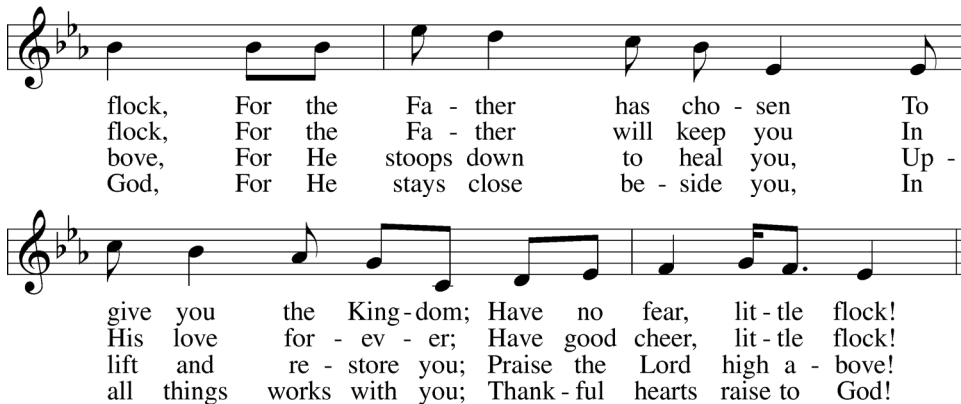
**People** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

*LSB 735*





flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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*Go in peace*

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Giving is an act of grace through which we gratefully respond to God's kindness to us in Jesus Christ. Tithes and offerings may be given through your banking institution's online bill pay service, our website, or the *Givelify* mobile app.



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Don & Vivian T. in loving memory of Doris H.