

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



PSALM 1 and JOHN 10:22-30

"The Good Shepherd - Resurrection Promise Now to Forever"

**ANTECOMMUNION
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
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*BOLD indicates congregational responses - * Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

PRELUDE

"The Good Shepard"

Dom Paul Benoit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.**
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.**
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 4. Honor your father and mother.**
- 5. You shall not murder.**
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 7. You shall not steal.**
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

ELW #369

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***THE KYRIE**

(at the front of the book) **ELW pg. 147**

***GLORY TO GOD**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

C: **O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

PSALM 1

¹**Happy are those**

**who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

²**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: The Word of the Lord.

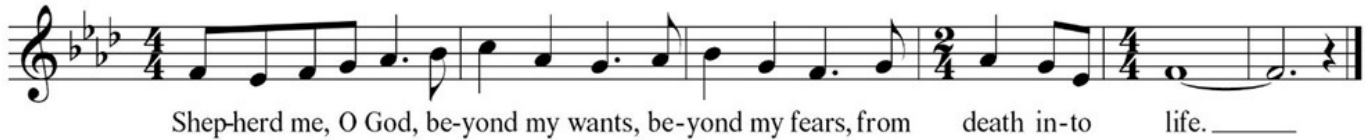
C: **Thanks be to God.**

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: **Kings and Prophets** : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : +Apostles : Last Day : New Creation

PSALM 23



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Tune: Marty Haugen
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1. The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

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

Refrain

3. You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running 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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 6:68

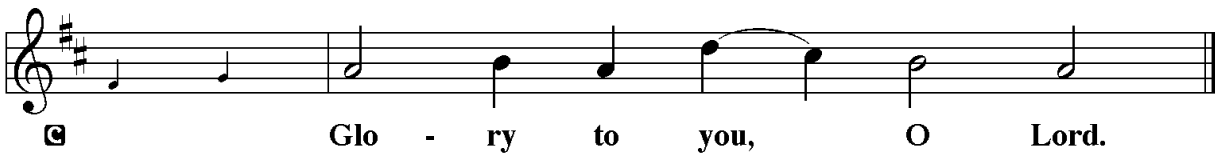
Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 10:22-30

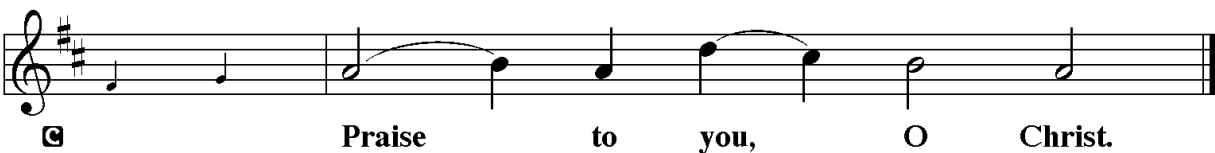
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Good Shepherd - Resurrection Promise Now to Forever”

The Holy Psalter For Us

I AM the Good Shepherd

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I don’t pray. I don’t sing. I don’t look to Jesus my Good Shepherd. I know best, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: Hallelujah. The risen Jesus shepherds us through this valley of the shadow of death.

So What? Pray and tell it to our Good Shepherd. Sing and rejoice and meditate each morning and evening – He has provided and will yet provide.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“The King of Love my Shepherd Is”

ELW #502

***THE NICENE CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Philippians 4:7

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Good Shepard"

Zebulon Highben

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-1

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

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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

**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.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"He Leadeth Me"

TFF #151

1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'end death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.

His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wilson

"The Wynstan Voluntary"

Alan



OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of all the Mothers.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Chris Lowe
Acolyte.....	Elena Hoffman
Lector.....	Amy Brown
Crucifer.....	Will Clark
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Steve Clark
Council Members of the Month.....	Don Boyette and Perry Linkous



"Hi, Mom! Uh... Happy Mother's Day!"



"If you want some good stuff to eat, just keep asking Mommy questions when she's on the phone."

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Upcoming EVENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



LOVE OFFERING FOR MAY: The love offering for May will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry so that Habitat can continue to grow and help even more families achieve the opportunity to become homeowners.

THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. An episode of The Chosen will be watched with discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.

CLEAN UP DAY: Please join the property team for the clean up day on **Saturday, May 17** from 9 am-12 pm. Your participation would be greatly appreciated!

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee’s next clothing giveaway is **Saturday, May 17** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

CHURCH PICNIC: Save the Date - The Congregation Picnic will be held on **Tuesday, May 20** at 6:00 pm.

GRADUATION MILESTONE: We look forward to recognizing our Lutheran Chapel graduates on **Sunday, June 15** at our 10:00 am service. Graduates (or family members), please contact Katherine Sanders (bakersanders@earthlink.net or 704.616.8779) or the church office by Friday, May 16 for inclusion of your name in the June newsletter. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone on June 15th!

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, May 11	8:30 am	Fellowship
MOTHER'S DAY	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, May 12	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, May 13	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, May 14	8:30 am	Preschool
	7:00 pm	Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen
Thursday, May 15	8:30 am	Preschool
	11:00 am	Bible Study (Library)
	9:45 am	Bus leaves for OWL's Lunch
	11:00 am	OWL's Strawberry Hill
Friday, May 16	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, May 17	9 am-12 pm	Property Clean-up Day
	9 am-12 pm	Clothing Closet Giveaway
	9:00 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	

Let's **PRAY**

DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). *May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 20—May 11 to May 18, 2025

05/11 Morning Reading: John 2—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 13, 14

05/12 Morning Reading: John 3:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 15, 16

05/13 Morning Reading: John 3:19-38—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 17, 18

05/14 Morning Reading: John 4:1-30—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 19, 20, 21

05/15 Morning Reading: John 4:31-54—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 22, 23

05/16 Morning Reading: John 5:1-24—Evening Reading: 2 Kings 24, 25

05/17 Morning Reading: John 5:25-47—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 1, 2, 3

05/18 Morning Reading: John 6:1-21—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 4, 5, 6

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Larea Falls, the family of Patsy Foster, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jerry Green, R. B. Jenkins, **Kirk Jordan, John**, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, **for the family of Bill Riddle**, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, the family of “Spike” Stevens, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, and Jimmy Watlington, **Kennedy Williams**.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

NEXT WEEK’S LESSONS

Wednesday, May 14 ~ Evening Suffrages and The Chosen

Psalm 66 “*Joyful Noise*” - Chosen “*Shabbat*”

Thursday, May 15 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Psalm 1 “*The Good Shepherd - Resurrection Promise Now to Forever*”

Sunday, May 18 ~ Holy Communion

Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 6:1-3 and John 13:31-31 “*The Farewell Discourse: An Easter Understanding*”

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 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.