



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Sunday

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(Wisconsin Evangelical
Lutheran Synod)

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- To practice **social distancing**, you may sit where sheets of paper are positioned in each row.
 - **First-time visitors**—please fill out the yellow card in the seat in front of you and return this card to the offering plate or the pastor.
 - You can follow the **order of service** printed out in the **bulletin**.
 - **Hymns** are found in the red hymnal in front of you.
 - A printed copy of today's **sermon** is located on the table in the narthex.
 - Please reserve the back pews for parents with **small children**. If you have a fussy child, feel free to use the parents' room in the back of the sanctuary.
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OPENING HYMN..... CW #375 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

M: The grace of our Lord **†** Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

To GOD BE THE GLORY.....CW #399 (sung after a brief musical introduction)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To God Be the Glory'. It consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'I To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!'. The second staff continues with: 'He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,'. The third staff concludes with: 'Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

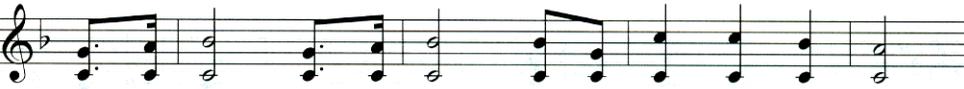


And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.

Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry — great things he has done!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in our Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: See what it means to have God as a shepherd.
Ezekiel 34:25-31

“I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of savage beasts so that they may live in the wilderness and sleep in the forests in safety. ²⁶ I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. ²⁷ The trees will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them.

²⁸ They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. ²⁹ I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations.

³⁰ Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the Israelites, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. ³¹ You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

PSALM 23.....CW #360 – The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want

**C: (sung) The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

**SECOND READING: The pastor (shepherd) watches himself as he watches
over the spiritual well-being of the congregation (sheep). 1 Peter 5:1-4**

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Jesus compares his ministry to that of a good shepherd.

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

HYMN OF THE DAY..... CW #436 – Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

SERMON John 10:11-18

How Is Jesus Like a Good Shepherd?

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER:

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.

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and Sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW #374 – My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Participants

Officiant: Pastor Fred Piepenbrink
Organist: Mrs. Nancy Cannon

Announcements

The Easter decorations need to be put away until next year. If anyone is willing and able to stay after the service to help, it would be much appreciated. Next Sunday is the celebration of the Ascension of our Lord.

The Christian Leadership Seminar will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 1010 N. Road 1E, Chino Valley, Arizona, on May 22, 2021, from 9 am to 4 pm. The guest speaker is Dr. John Boeder, campus pastor at Martin Luther College, New

Ulm, Minnesota. To preregister by May 18, 2021, contact Mr. Rusty Briggie, staffminister@hopechinovale.com or 928-235-7255. Registration is \$10 per person. Childcare is available upon request. A freewill offering lunch will be provided.

On May 23, Hope Church plans to have a barbeque potluck fellowship beginning at about 11:30. They felt it was a good thing to get to know each other if in fact we become one congregation. Please consider this your invitation. The time works for us who worship in Prescott. Food arrangements are still pending.

Volunteers are still needed to serve as greeters before and after the service. Also, a volunteer(s) is needed to operate the Hymnsoft computer program when we need digital music. It is really quite simple, just press a key on the computer at the appropriate time when singing takes place. Speak with Pastor Piepenbrink if you are interested.