

Good Shepherd Sunday

May 8, 2022

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Church of the Lutheran Confession

Meeting in the People Place - Vernon, B.C.

Welcome:

Prayer: Dear Lord, our precious Savior and Shepherd, You have said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” (John 10:27-28). We have gathered here today to listen to Your voice in Your Word and to follow You. May You lead us and guide us with Your Word that we may be strengthened in our faith and love for You. Give us the comfort of knowing that with You as our Good Shepherd, we have nothing to fear, for you truly work everything in our lives according to your plan, and for our good. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

Cong:



C: A - men.

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.

Responsive Reading and Song:

From John 10 & Hymn 200

P: "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. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." (John 10:1-5)

C: The Lord is my Shepherd, by God's Grace I know His voice and follow Him.

Sing:

Hymn 200

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

P: "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 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." (John 10:7-10)

C: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not lack any good thing but have abundant life in Him.

Sing:

Hymn 200

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

P: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep." (John 10:11-15)

C: The Lord is my Shepherd, when I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for My Shepherd has gone ahead of me and taken the sting and the fear out of death.

Sing:

Hymn 200

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my prophet, Priest and King.

P: And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."(John 10:16-18)

C: The Lord is my Shepherd, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sing:

Hymn 200

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that My Redeemer lives!"

Confession of Sins: Psalms 80:1-3

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P: Stir up your might and come to save us!

C: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: Heavenly Father, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way." (Isaiah 53:6) We

confess that by our thoughts, our words, and our actions we have strayed from Your commands. We have turned from Your love and gone our own way. Because of our wayward sin, we deserve to be sheep that are forever lost. But we pray that for the sake of Your Lamb, Jesus Christ, that You would have mercy on us. With the psalmist we confess and pray: “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.” (Psalm 119:76)

P: Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The LORD has laid on His Lamb the iniquity of us all. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep and took it up again, rising from the dead for our justification. Through Jesus Christ, you are redeemed, restored, and forgiven. “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:25)

Psalms 28:8-9

P: The LORD is the strength of his people;

C: He is the saving refuge of his anointed.

P: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P: Praise be to the Lamb that was slain for us, but who is alive forevermore!

Sing: O Sacred Head

Mel. 352

My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.

Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.

Thy lips have often fed me with words of truth and love;

Thy Spirit oft hath led me to heavenly joys above.

Scripture Readings: Acts 13:15-16, 26-33 (See Back)

Revelation 7:9-17

Response of Praise:

P: He will feed His flock like a shepherd;

C: He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

Alleluia! (Is. 40:11)

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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!

Confession of Faith: Apostle's 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.

Hymn: 431 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh! the transport of delight With which my cup o'erfloweth.

6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

Sermon: Psalm 23:1-3

1 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.

Theme:

Perfect Contentment ~ Is It Possible?

L: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Cre ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re
6 new a right spir - it with in me. Cast me not a -
12 way from your pre - sence, and take not your ho - ly Spir - it from me.
— Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
22 hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean
28 heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offerings:

Sing while bringing up the offering)

Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers:

Hymn: 521 What God Ordains Is Always Good

1. What God ordains is always good; His will abideth holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
God indeed in every need Doth well know how to shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.
2. What God ordains is always good. He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His own right way, And never will He leave me.
I take content What He hath sent; His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.
3. What God ordains is always good. His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my Physician sends me.
My God is true; Each morn anew I'll trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.
4. What God ordains is always good. He is my Friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm, Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe, Some day I shall see clearly
That He hath loved me dearly.
5. What God ordains is always good. Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God grants relief, My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.
6. What God ordains is always good. This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.

The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We especially praise You that You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh and have revealed Him to the world as our only Savior from sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

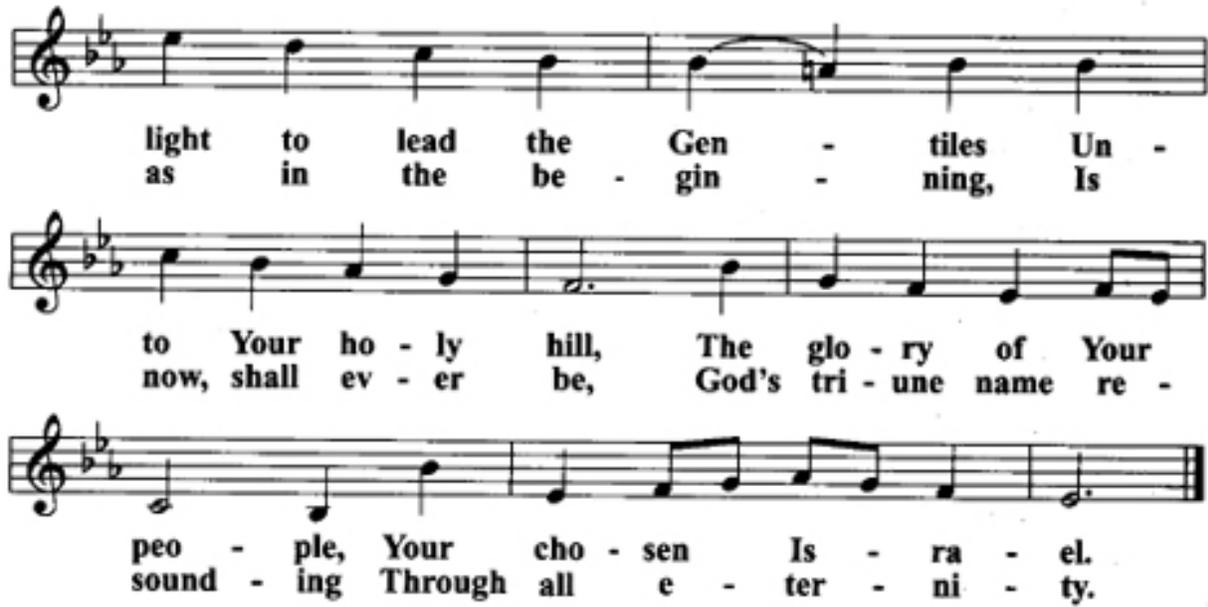
Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

o LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For



light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and



bear Christ's ho-ly name. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;



tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Send us with Your



prom-is-es, Lord; lead Your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;



tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 436 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Yea, tho' 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.
4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

This Week

Monday - Your pastor will be traveling to Lynnwood, WA for the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference. He plans to return home Thursday night.

Friday - Catechism Class at 4:00

Next Sunday Worship Service 10:00

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:25

Praying for our Family

We pray for Karrie Wurmman who will be having surgery to remove the tumor in her gallbladder on Monday May 16.

We pray for Rosemarie Schwabe who is still in the hospital.

We also pray for Kenneth Nyman who had heart valve replacement surgery this past week.

Happy Mothers Day

We thank the Lord for the gift of our mothers. What a blessing they have been to teach us and demonstrate the Love of God for us. Lord, may You bless them richly.

Martin Luther on Motherhood:

“Motherhood is by far the most important, most influential calling on earth. For the mothers who nurture and care for their children are shaping tomorrow’s world leaders, tomorrow’s physicians, ministers, workers, teachers.”

Sheep and Shepherds

We have brought back a few more copies of the Book by Pastor Dale Redlin - *Sheep and Shepherds*. If anyone would like another copy of this book that highlights the love and care of our Good Shepherd, speak to Julie. The cost for them is \$14.95 USD.

We also have a few extra copies of *God’s Promise Kept* vol. 1 & 2.

Examination Sunday

Justine Harding and Mattea Johnston are preparing for their confirmation examination which is planned for Sunday June 5th which is Pentecost Sunday. The ladies are planning a reception for them. You can speak with Marlies or Anita if you would like to help with that. We pray that the Lord may bless our confirmands.

Spokesman

The May Spokesman is available. Pick up a copy today. The subscription for the Spokesman is due in June. The congregation orders enough copies for all. If you would like to help cover the cost of this you can add it to your offering and mark it for Spokesman.

Daily Rest

The subscription for our daily devotion is also due in June. If you would like to receive the Daily Rest for the coming year please sign up for it on the table by the entry.

CLC Convention

The CLC Convention will be held June 23 - 26. The Prospectus should be coming out soon.

CLC Call News

Teacher Graduate, Kendra Rodebaugh, has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School in Spokane, WA. + Seminary Graduate, Zachary Sippert, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has accepted the call to teach pre-school part time at Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI. + Pastor Michael Wilke, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, has now received this call. + Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.