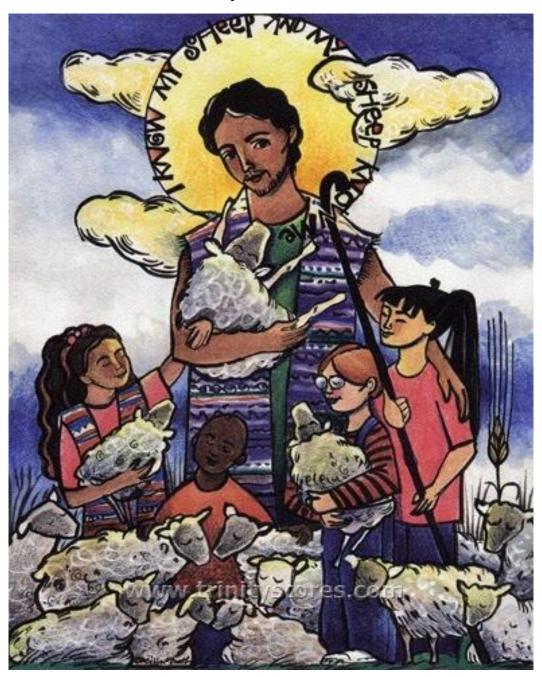
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY

May 8th, 2022



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<u>Prayer</u>: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow Him that sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE: A prayer for peace in the midst of conflict.

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have been our life in the midst of death, and our peace where there is no peace. Look upon Your servants in Ukraine and Russia with Your grace and assure them that in the darkness of political unrest You remain the Light of the World.

Dearest Jesus, through the cross you defeated all that keeps us from the peace that passes understanding. In these tense days, we pray, be the Good Shepherd of Your flock in Eastern Europe and around the world and give all persons and countries aching from social and political turmoil Your Good News of sins forgiven, and life restored. Holy Spirit, You gather us into Your Church where we are made new by Your Holy Word. Keep us from civil strife, from the aggressive spilling of blood, and turn back all misfortunes that lead to hostility and death. Grant a speedy reconciliation to those on opposite sides of the conflict; soften the hearts of the unmerciful and bring them to the knowledge of You. Triune God, grant peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, and in Your whole Church on earth, that with one heart and mind we may sing Your praises, and have peace at the last, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Organist: Mayumi Munoz

Readers: 9 a.m. — Daniel Figeroua 11 a.m. — Gloria Meyer

Greeters: 9 a.m. --- Judy Slingerland 11 a.m. ---

WE THANK Pastor John Makey for leading our service this morning.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE TODAY: Psalm 23: 1 https://youtu.be/k8Tm7uM_X0s

<u>Children's Message</u>: Children's Messages will resume Sundays in the early service. Please be aware that during recorded services the children will be heard but no actual video will be taken as the camera will be focused on a still shot as we do not have permission to video record children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be meeting in the basement following the early service **Today, May 8th.** We hope you will join us!

WORSHIP NOTE:

- A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTI9c_OIBbMqGwLw
- Archived videos of Sunday's service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca "Worship" page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (http://christlutheransc.ca/), contact Judy Slingerland (chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca) or Pastor Todd (pastortoddhoeffs@gmail.com). or phone the church office (905-685-8294). May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Eph. 4: 17-24 Wed.: 1John 4: 7-14 Friday: 11 Cor. 5: 16-21 Tuesday: Eph. 4: 25-32 Thurs: Acts 17: 22-23 Saturday: Rom. 1: 18-25

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE: We know each of us should all be working to memorize God's Word! You are invited to listen to our Children's Messages where we are focusing on understanding and memorizing a Psalm verse each week. This week is Psalm 23: 1.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to Amy and Brandon Kemp on the birth of their son, **David Paul Elliott**, born Sunday, May 1st. Grandson for Bob and Starlet Kemp, great-grandson for Frank & Ivy Parkhouse.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Erika Welter, who we just heard passed away a short while ago. She was living in Burlington.



Enjoy coffee and muffins in celebration of ***Mother's Day***

You are invited to meet this morning downstairs between services!

<u>MARY MARTHA</u>: Please join us for our **Tuesday, May 17th meeting at 7 p.m.!** We will enjoy a very informative Bible Study!

VOTER'S MEETING: Please note that there will be a Voters Meeting on **Sunday**, **May 29th at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>UPDATE – COVID 19 PROTOCOL</u>: With the lifting of mandatory mask wearing it is a "personal choice" whether or not you continue to wear a mask for Worship Services and activities within the church. Moving forward a gradual approach will be taken with respect to dispensing with Pilgrim style for Holy Communion, returning to the use of the "common cup", gathering of the offering, coffee hour, and various other activities. We ask that everyone continue to be diligent in monitoring themselves for fever, cold and flu-like symptoms, and if any of the symptoms are present, please refrain from attending in-person services and activities. Services will continue to be available on-line and in the bulletin. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak to either Judy Slingerland or Pastor Todd

LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:

Lutheran Young people from across Canada will be gathering together this **July 15-19**, **2022 in Winnipeg**, **Manitoba**. The theme for the gathering is **"IN NOT OF"** from Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ." Information packages are available from Louise. Save the date, check out the website at http://www.lccnyg.ca, start following the Facebook and Instagram pages and check out this fun announcement from Pastor Glenn Worcester https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68gXVYofMYY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Rev. Dr. John Nunes, former president of Concordia College, Bronxville NY, originally from Hamilton, ON [who preached for Pastor Todd's installation] will be coming to Christ Lutheran on MAY 24! From 7-9 PM he is giving a "book talk" work shop style in the sanctuary on his 2020 paperback, "MEANT FOR MORE". Pastor Todd has some copies to share with any who would like to read ahead before he arrives. More information yet to come. ALL ARE WELCOME!

LWML- CONVENTION REGISTRATION: The convention registration form is in our League Tidings and is also included in the special newsletter on page 6. Zone Presidents will also have copies which they can forward, if you require a copy. Please ensure that <u>you register on or before May 23rd, 2022.</u> Our convention committee needs to provide the caterer with the number of meals required. Also, as a note, since our lunches are going to be scrumptious box lunches, you ladies may want to bring a lawn chair so that you are able to take your lunch outside and enjoy the sunshine. Tables will be available in the basement of the church for those who wish to eat indoors.



THE MARY MARTHA is collecting items for Medical Missions that they will take to the Ingathering at the LWML District Convention this coming June, we invite everyone to help by adding items to the container sitting on the Narthex Table. Below is a list of supplies which Medical Missions use on an ongoing basis. Please ensure that you check expire dates to ensure that the dates are well into the future:

Monetary Gifts made payable to "Christ Lutheran Church" and placed in an envelope designated for "LWML Ontario District Medical Missions". Everything appreciated with Thanks

- Antibiotic Ointment (Polysporin, etc.)
- Vicks VapoRub
- Tylenol, Advil, Acetaminophen for Adults and Childen
- Disposable Gloves
- Vitamins for Adults and Children

- Zinc Oxide/Diaper Rash Cream
- Antihistamines Benadryl
- Q-Tips
- Voltarin (Arthritic Ointment)
- Band Aids/Adhesive Tape
- ACE Elastic Bandage

Last Sunday Attendance: May 1st, 2022 Attn: 9 A.M. – 46; 11 A.M. – 34; Total: 80					
	<u>Budget</u>	Weekly Need	Last Sunday	Year To Date	<u>+ or – ()</u>
Current:	283,291.00	5,554.73	2,086.00	75,192.63	(22,669.64)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	392.16	285.00	5,100.50	(1,822.58)
Property Improvement:			154.00	2,345.00	

<u>FLOWERS</u> have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by James & Wendy Hyatt in loving memory of their parents.

EXTRA HANDS & BODIES NEEDED: we continually need extra people assisting in our services. With offering both 9 am and 11 am services, we are finding ourselves short staffed of volunteers. Particularly for the late service, we need your help in the following areas:

- 1) Greeting of Worshippers at entrance and Covid Protocol Preparation of our PowerPoint worship services [editing the Google Doc Slides, can be done at home]
- 2) Operation of the PowerPoint during church services [training with written instruction will be provided]
- 3) Taking a turn preparing the Altar for Communion and seasonal colour cloth changes [Altar Guild]
- 4) Ushering people to pew seats and directing people to line up for communion
- 5) Lighting and extinguishing of altar candles

Recording services using newly installed equipment [training with written instructions will be provided] We pray that you consider helping. We need participation from all ages. Should you wish more information about what is involved, please speak to Judy Slingerland, Tom Kuhl or Pastor Todd.

GREETERS: - What a wonderful way to get to know everyone in the congregation and at the same time enjoy a little fellowship! Greet members at the door, encourage hand sanitizing and provide them with a copy of the Bulletin and Worship Folder. It's as easy as that! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board and everyone is encouraged to sign up.

SIMPLE CREATIVE COMMUNION

Good Shepherd Sunday & Mother's Day May 8, 2022 + 9 AM Worship

GATHERING SONG:

"The King of Love"

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow -- My ransomed soul He leadeth, And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joyful are those whose sins are forgiven,

whose wrongs are pardoned.

Joyful is the one whom the LORD does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit.

Ps. 32:1-2

Friends in Christ: let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask Him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. [Brief prayerful silence]

Lord God, our heavenly Father, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from You and have chased after our own sinful desires. We fail in love, neglect firm faithfulness and ignore Your truth. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again back to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may love and serve You in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

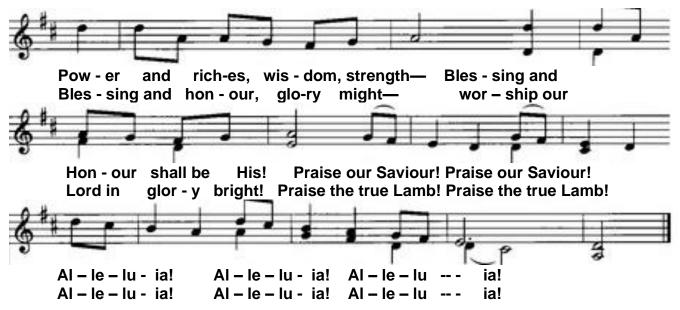
God has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and turn to Him in faith. In the place of Christ and by His Holy Command, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SPOKEN MERCY

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.





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We pray-- Almighty and eternal God, You have brought back from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, to call us into His flock by His Word. Send us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may hear the voice of the good Shepherd and faithfully follow Him. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Shepherd, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43

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Thanks be to God

PSALM 23 (spoken together) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (King James' Version)

The Second Reading: St. John's Revelation 7: 9-17

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 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 worshipped

God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre 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.' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: St. John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 10th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "You, Jesus, Are My Shepherd True"

You, Jesus, are my Shepherd true,

and I Your sheep quite helpless; My ever loving quide are You,

Your ev'ry thought is selfless;

You feed me, guard me,

lead the way to peace at night and joy by day:

I frolic in Your favour.

I follow You. The path You choose,

It is the best way for me:

The lamb You love You will not lose,

You walk the way before me;

And though I pass through death's dark vale,

It is my Lord's familiar trail; I know its glorious ending.

Surrounded when I am by foes who scorn me or

ignore me,

In Your strong arms I find repose;

You spread a feast before me!

You welcome me!

I find a place of honour as Your heir of grace,

At home with You forever.

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THE NICENE CREED: [May remain seated]

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy

Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

MESSAGE - Rev. John Makey

CHOIR & CONGREGATION RESPONSE: "Would You Bless Our Homes & Families"

Would You bless our homes and families, Source of life who calls us here, In our world of stress and tension Teach us love that conquers fear. Help us learn to love each other With a love that constant stays; Teach us when we face our troubles, Love's expressed in - many ways

When our way is undemanding, Let us use the time that's ours To delight in simple pleasures, Sharing joys in gentle hours. When our way is anxious walking And a heavy path we plod, Teach us trust in one another And in You, our - gracious God From the homes in which we're nurtured, With the love that shapes us there, Teach us, God, to claim as family Ev'ry one whose life we share. And through all that life may offer, May we in Your love remain, May the love we share in families Be alive to - praise Your name

CONGREGATION JOINS:

Let us reach beyond the bound'ries
Of our daily thought and care
Till the fam'ly You have chosen
Spills its love out ev'ry where
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays,
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in - many ways.

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As sheep trust their shepherd for guidance and protection, let us turn to our God in prayer, certain that he hears our voice for the sake of Jesus Christ his Son. O Gracious Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this land. Keep her faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.

We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Be with our Synod and her leaders. We commend to you our Synod parishes and church leaders, and all men and women, young and old, who serve You. Uphold all in their daily callings with true faith and a godly life. We pray to You: **Good Shepherd, hear us.**

Bless Canada, and help those in authority to strive for harmony, honesty and justice. Remember our Queen, Elizabeth, our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, our Premier, Doug Ford, those in our local government, and all who maintain order and safety with wisdom and care during our time of lockdown. We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Guide our industry, our education, our arts, culture and leisure activities, our mass media, our science and technology. Be with the unemployed and the overworked, the sick and the aged, the poor, the needy and the lonely. We especially remember today any who are sick or in need of healing --(names added here...). We pray to You: Good Shepherd, hear us.

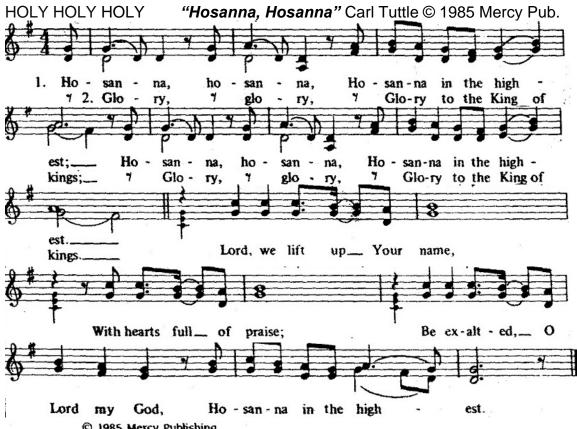
Seek out those who have become lost on the path of life. Bring them back to your fold. Help us all to care for our lost brothers and sisters and to help where we can to remind them of your constant goodness and kindness. We pray for your protection over the families of our congregation. Open their hearts and their minds to hear your voice and to follow you on the right paths. We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Shepherd God, you gather your sheep from all corners of the world, and do not allow even one of your flock to be lost. May we and all people hear your voice, and be gathered into the one flock of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE HOLY MEAL



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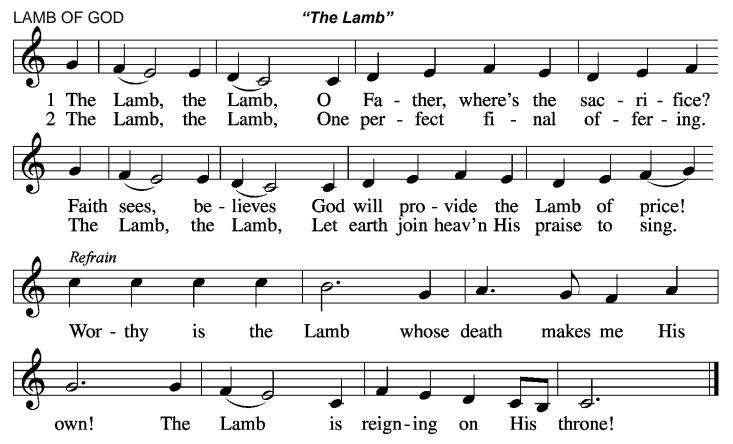
THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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. 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 INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the 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, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks. He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you



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THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS: "Come and Praise The Lord Our King" [Michael Rowed tune]

Come and praise the Lord our King, Alleluia—

Raise your voice, in worship sing, Alleluia!

Jesus died on Calvary, Alleluia— Rose again triumphantly, Alleluia!

In the Bread and in the Wine, Alleluia---Jesus' shares His life with mine; Alleluia--!

We will live with Him one day, Alleluia—And forever with Him stay, Alleluia!

"Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me -- To be a sanctuary Pure and holy. Tried and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.
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POST COMMUNION SONG:

"Come, Thank"

(Tune: "Let Altogether" LSB # 389)

Come, thank the Lord and sing His praise, shout out what He has done! Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name! We proudly bear His name!

Come, thank the Lord and sing His praise, Who keeps His promises!

He leads us forth in joy and peace, we share His Saving News!

We share His Saving News!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

We pray: Almighty God, Who has given Jesus Christ, Your only Son, to be for us both a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace.

Amen.



HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK SETTING ONE

Good Shepherd Sunday & Mother's Day May 8, 2022 + 11 AM Worship

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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. [Brief silence for reflection]

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all of your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SPOKEN KYRIE:

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, hear us and give us Your peace. Amen.



SPOKEN GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

Almighty and eternal God, You have brought back from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, to call us into His flock by His Word. Send us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may hear the voice of the good Shepherd and faithfully follow Him. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Shepherd, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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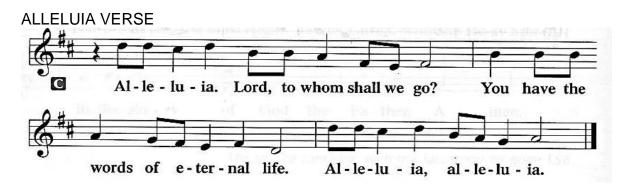
PSALM 23 (spoken together) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

King James' Version

The Second Reading: St. John's Revelation 7: 9-17

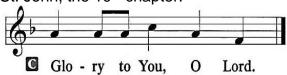
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre 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.' This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel St. John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 10th chapter:



At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHOIR ANTHEM: "You, Jesus, Are My Shepherd True"

You, Jesus, are my Shepherd true, and I Your sheep quite helpless;
My ever loving guide are You,
Your ev'ry thought is selfless;
You feed me, guard me,
lead the way to peace at night and joy by day:
I frolic in Your favour.
I follow You. The path You choose,
It is the best way for me;
The lamb You love You will not lose,
You walk the way before me;

And though I pass through death's dark vale, It is my Lord's familiar trail; I know its glorious ending.
Surrounded when I am by foes who scorn me or ignore me, In Your strong arms I find repose; You spread a feast before me! You welcome me! I find a place of honour as Your heir of grace, At home with You forever

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THE NICENE CREED: [May remain seated]

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

MESSAGE - Rev. John Makey

CHOIR & CONGREGATION RESPONSE: "Would You Bless Our Homes & Families"

Would You bless our homes and families, Source of life who calls us here, In our world of stress and tension Teach us love that conquers fear. Help us learn to love each other With a love that constant stays; Teach us when we face our troubles, Love's expressed in - many ways

When our way is undemanding, Let us use the time that's ours To delight in simple pleasures, Sharing joys in gentle hours. When our way is anxious walking And a heavy path we plod, Teach us trust in one another And in You, our - gracious God From the homes in which we're nurtured, With the love that shapes us there, Teach us, God, to claim as family Ev'ry one whose life we share. And through all that life may offer, May we in Your love remain, May the love we share in families Be alive to - praise Your name

CONGREGATION JOINS:

Let us reach beyond the bound'ries
Of our daily thought and care
Till the fam'ly You have chosen
Spills its love out ev'ry where
Help us learn to love each other
With a love that constant stays,
Teach us when we face our troubles
Love's expressed in - many ways.

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As sheep trust their shepherd for guidance and protection, let us turn to our God in prayer, certain that he hears our voice for the sake of Jesus Christ his Son. O Gracious Lord, be with your whole church on earth, and the church in this land. Keep her faithful, and let your message of forgiveness through Christ be heard and believed.

We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Be with our Synod and her leaders. We commend to you our Synod parishes and church leaders, and all men and women, young and old, who serve You. Uphold all in their daily callings with true faith and a godly life. We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Bless Canada, and help those in authority to strive for harmony, honesty and justice. Remember our Queen, Elizabeth, our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, our Premier, Doug Ford, those in our local government, and all who maintain order and safety with wisdom and care during our time of lockdown. We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Guide our industry, our education, our arts, culture and leisure activities, our mass media, our science and technology. Be with the unemployed and the overworked, the sick and the aged, the poor, the needy and the lonely. We especially remember today any who are sick or in need of healing --(names added here...). We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Seek out those who have become lost on the path of life. Bring them back to your fold. Help us all to care for our lost brothers and sisters and to help where we can to remind them of your constant goodness and kindness. We pray for your protection over the families of our congregation. Open their hearts and their minds to hear your voice and to follow you on the right paths. We pray to You:

Good Shepherd, hear us.

Shepherd God, you gather your sheep from all corners of the world, and do not allow even one of your flock to be lost. May we and all people hear your voice, and be gathered into the one flock of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

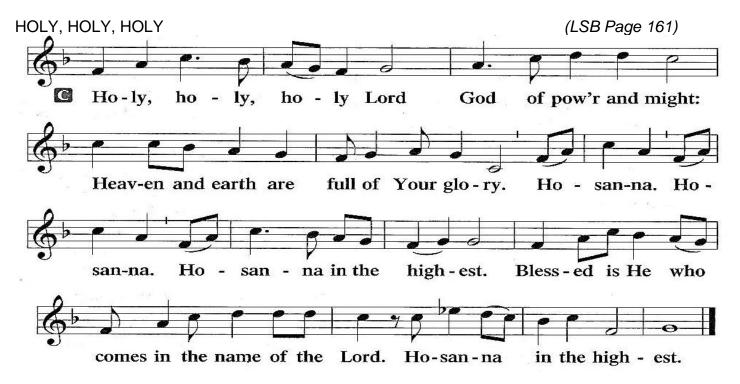
Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

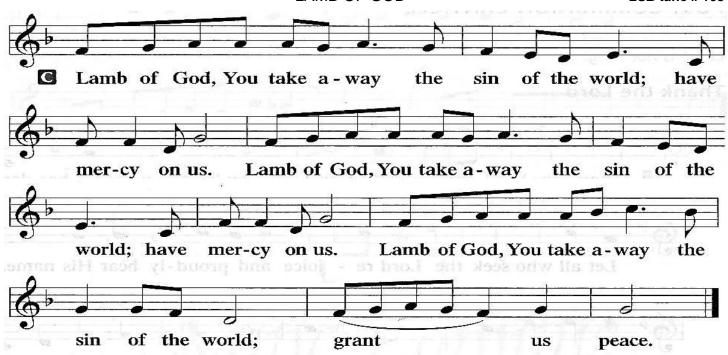
It is truly good, right and joyful that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God: but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your glorious name and join their un-ending hymn:



THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....

WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the 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, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

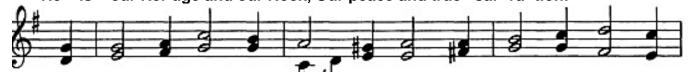
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- 1. Lord Jes-us Christ life-giv-ing bread, May I in grace poss-ess You.
- 2. To past-ures green, Lord, safe-ly guide, To rest- ful wa-ters lead me;
- 3. O Bread of Heav'n, my soul's de-light, For full and free sal va- tion;
- 4. Christ nev-er will for-get His flock, His chos-en gen er a tion!



Let me with Ho-ly Food be fed, in hun-ger I add - ress You. Your tab - le well for me pro-vide, Your wound-ed hand now feed me. I come with prayer be-fore Your sight; re-ceive Your in - vit- a -tion. He is our Ref-uge and our Rock, Our peace and true sal- va -tion!



Pre - pare me well for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my Though wear- y, bro-ken, tired, and weak Re - fuge in You a-Your right-eous-ness, Lord, co - ver me, That I may dine most As with a gen - tle, car - ing hand, He leads His own, His



prayer im-plored; Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
-lone I seek, to share Your cup of heal - ing.
Wor - thi - ly, as - sured of Your full wel - come.
Cho - sen band, to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Rist, 1607-1667, Music: Nicolaus Decius, 1485-1546; ALLEIIN GOTT IN DER HOH (All Glory Be To God One High)



POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Almighty God, Who has given Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace.

Amen.

