



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

I am the good shepherd;
and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

Jn 10:14

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2015

A Service of the Word

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book
(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 95, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING HYMN

TLH 431 (red hymnal)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congreg. (C) Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

M Let us then draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment, for we have not loved You above all things and 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, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

M Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the right to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps 23:1-3; Jn 10:14, 15b

M The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
 Oh Lord Jesus, You are the good shepherd; and You know You sheep, and are known by Your own and You lay down Your life for the sheep.

C 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.

M Lord have mercy upon us.
C Christ have mercy upon us.
 M Lord have mercy upon us.
C Amen.

GLORIA CHRISTI ~ Glory to Christ

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy,
 this alone can sin destroy!
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

M The Lord be with you. *Luke 1:28*
C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray, ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. ¹⁷But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall

assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰ For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²² And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³ And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

PSALM OF THE DAY (rise and say responsively)

Psalm 23

M The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

M He leads me beside the still waters.

C He restores my soul;

M He leads me in the paths of righteousness

C For His name's sake.

M Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C I will fear no evil;

M For You are with me;

C Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

M You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C You anoint my head with oil;

M My cup runs over.

C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

M All the days of my life;

C And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOSPEL LESSON

M And this is eternal life, that we know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

John 17:3



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

John 10:11–18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² 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. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ 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.”

M These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, we may have life in His name. *John 20:31*



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

CREED ~ The Apostles' Creed

C **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

WS 783 (tan hymnal)

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

SERMON

Acts 4:1–12

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**The Good Shepherd is Known
by His Power to Give Life**

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

HYMN

TLH 201 (red hymnal)

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Numbers 6:24-26

M 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 648 (red hymnal)

I Am Jesus Little Lamb

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Participating in this Service of the Word

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