

Fourth Sunday of Easter

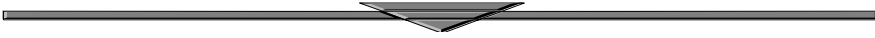
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WORSHIP NOTES On “Good Shepherd Sunday” we pay attention to Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the sheep. Rejoicing in his vigilant and vigorous care, we listen to him and live through him.

GUESTS Welcome to our guests!



HYMN “What a Friend We have in Jesus” (p. 5)

Christian Worship, # 411

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

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord as we pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep.

C: **Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father’s house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 13:20-21

The God of peace brought our great shepherd Jesus back from the dead. Now he will work in us what pleases him. Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us¹ what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep;
C: And my sheep know me. Alleluia. (*John 10:14*)

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus tells two short parables. When he depicts himself as the shepherd and the gate for his sheep, he shows us how deeply he cares for us.

“I assure you: Anyone who doesn’t enter the sheep pen by the door but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.” Jesus gave them this illustration, but they did not understand what He was telling them. So Jesus said again, “I assure you: I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

NICENE CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (p.6) CW, # 360

SERMON Psalm 23 “The Lord Who Leads Cares”

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Good Shepherd, in your loving care lead us to live without worrying, filled with contentment, and satisfied by your grace. Call into your flock others who hear your voice and follow you in faith.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Guide us with your divine Word to feed our soul and strengthen our will. Calm us with your quiet peace. Restore those who slip into sin and those who stray from your guidance.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul.

Patiently turn us away from the path of worldly decisions and move us to walk in the righteous ways of God. Stay by the side of the hurting, the lonely, and the troubled, and let them find the way in you.

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

The shadows of death will enfold us at last. But we will not be afraid – even of the deadliest evil – because you are near. Fill our lives with the meaningful purpose of following you, and shape our destiny in view of your promises. Comfort the dying with your resurrection victory.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Our table of blessings overflows. So lead us with heavenly wisdom and courage to use them faithfully. Prevent any earthly enemies and the devil himself from enticing us to abuse your good and gracious gifts. May people and nations blessed with abundance recognize you as the Provider of all and praise your name.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. Shepherd us to walk in your ways until we come to our heavenly home which you have prepared for us and all believers. Lead us so that we may lead others who are looking for goodness and love.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of the sheep and the Lamb of God.

Amen.

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.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.** (*spoken*)

P: Now may the God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us^[c] what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

BLESSING

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.

HYMN "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

(p.7)

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

360 The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.
 Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

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I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's

am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his

needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/3) **9:30 am** **Live stream Worship**
Tuesday **8:00 pm** **Women's Bible Study Via Zoom**
Thursday **7:00 pm** **Evening Devotion**
Sunday (5/10) **9:30 am** **Live stream Worship**

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	1 Kings 18:16-45
2nd Lesson	1 Peter 2:4-10
Gospel	John 14:1-12
Psalm	Psalm 33

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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SERVICE THEME

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Zach Steinbach

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Hebrews 13:20-21

GOSPEL LESSON:

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SERMON:

Psalm 23

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