

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



## **Good Shepherd Sunday**

**May 3, 2020– 8:00 A.M.**

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Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..

Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Day School: Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## *Good Shepherd Sunday*

### **As We Gather**

Almighty and eternal God, since you have brought back from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep to call us into his flock by the Word, grant us your Holy Spirit so that we may hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and faithfully follow him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Australian Anglican Alternative Collects)

### **Hymn ~ “Splendor and Honor” .....Hymn 950**

- 1 Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev’ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.
  
- 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-off’ring we are made God’s people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
Called to God’s service.
  
- 3 To the Almighty, throned in heav’nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.

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# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation** .....Page 151

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **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 neighbors 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.**

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

## Service of the Word

Introit



I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\***

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving; \*  
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

**For the LORD is a | great God, \*  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down; \*  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

**For he | is our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his  
hand.**

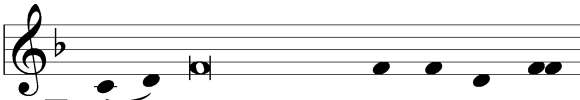
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I am the good | shepherd. \*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

*Ps. 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

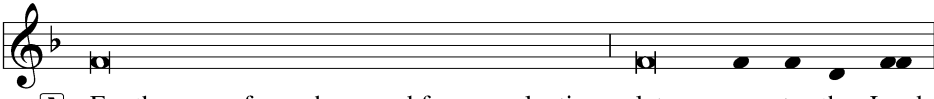
**Kyrie**.....Page 152



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



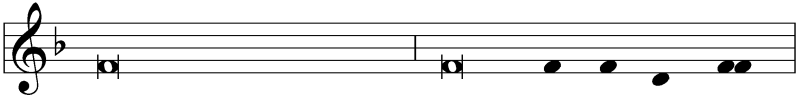
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



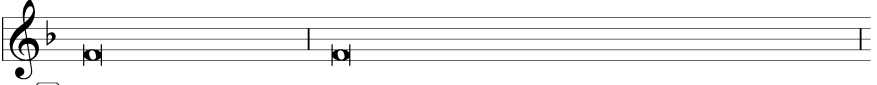
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



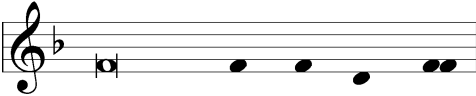
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



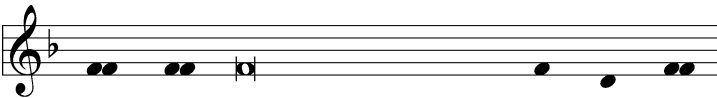
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise ~ "This is the Feast" .....Page 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Readings from the Book of Concord

*The Augsburg Confession,  
Article VII, The Church*

<sup>1</sup> Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. <sup>2</sup> For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. <sup>3</sup> It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same everywhere. <sup>4</sup> As Paul says, “One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:5–6).

*The Smalcald Articles Part III,  
Article XII, The Church; 2-3*

<sup>2</sup> Thank God, a seven-year-old child knows what the Church is, namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd [John 10:11–16]. <sup>3</sup> For the children pray, “I believe in one holy Christian Church.” This holiness does not come from albs, tonsures, long gowns, and other ceremonies they made up without Holy Scripture, but from God’s Word and true faith.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### First Lesson

**Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,**

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** **he has put all things under his feet.**

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

**C** **I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.**

*Rom. 6:9; John 10:14*

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

**John 10:1-10**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn ~ “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” .....Hymn 709**

- 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;  
          Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
          From Thy pure chalice floweth!

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

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## Sermon “The Good Door.” John 10:1-10

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**☩**   **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
          maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
  From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

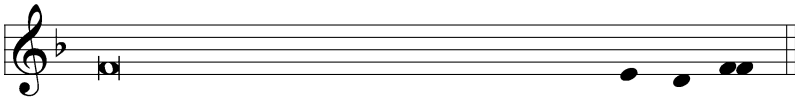
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
  the holy Christian Church,  
  the communion of saints,  
  the forgiveness of sins,  
  the resurrection of the body,  
  and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer for 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 .....Page 166



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

Hymn - "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" .....Hymn 711

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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