

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
MAY 3, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Isaiah 43

L: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, he who formed you

P: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

L: I have called you by name,

P: you are mine.

L: When you pass through the waters,

P: I will be with you;

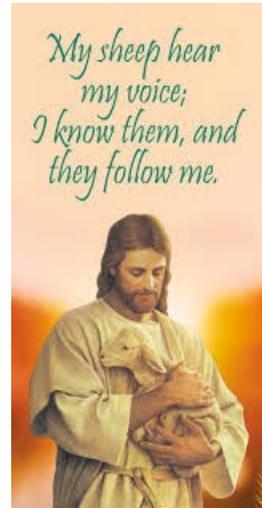
L: and through the rivers,

P: they shall not overwhelm you;

L: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

P: you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

L: Do not fear, for I am with you



GATHERING SONG: “Here I am to Worship”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoxopsRSfdU>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

P: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

P: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG: "He Knows My Name" Group VBS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f-ePEMd2S4>

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47 ⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and common life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25 ¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When abused, Christ did not return abuse; when suffering, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23 ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SONG: “The Lord’s my Shepherd” Stewart Townend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

SERMON Bishop Thomas Aitken

HYMN: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1Le7-v9xVI>

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

In our homes but united in the one flock of believers, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and all in need, asking God our Shepherd using the words, “restore our life.”

A brief silence.

For the church, O God, we pray: that we will hear and follow your voice calling to us in the word; that bishops and pastors be sustained for their shepherding tasks; that churches devastated by the virus be upheld; that in this time churches find ways to continue their ministries of education and service:

A brief silence.

O God, faithful shepherd of the church,
restore our life.

For the earth we pray: that lands and waters be renewed; that animals and plants enjoy safe growth; that rain and soil nurture the fields; that drought and floods be averted:

A brief silence.

O God, steadfast gardener of the earth,
restore our life.

For the nations of the world we pray: that heads of state and legislators cooperate for the good of all; that medical experts be heeded; that government moneys serve the nations' greatest needs:

A brief silence.

O God, fearless peacemaker of the nations,
restore our life.

For a world so economically divided, we pray: that the millions of those unemployed be given food and shelter now and jobs in the future; that children find a fruitful means of education; that refugees be safeguarded from violence and prejudice; that, inspired by the early Christians, those who have means become ever more generous to those who endure great want:

A brief silence.

O God, just protector of the poor,
restore our life.

For all in need we pray: that those afflicted with the coronavirus be cared for; that the sick be healed; that those in despair find hope; that those who are lonely be comforted; that medical workers be safeguarded; that those we name here receive the best possible care:

A brief silence.

O God, mighty healer of the sick,
restore our life.

For our own desires we pray: we will be blessed for the fulfilling our tasks; and that you hear the cries of our hearts:

A longer period of silence.

O God, tender shepherd of each of us,
restore our life.

We praise you for those who have died in the faith, and those we name before you here. . .

We pray that at our end, as sheep of your own fold, as lambs of your own flock, we will be gathered into your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

A brief silence.

O God, gateway to life,
restore our life.

Into your everlasting arms we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your care for us, through Jesus Christ, our guardian and friend.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

THE BLESSING

L: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace ☐ bless you now and forever.

P: **Amen**

SENDING SONG: "God Be with You" Selah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpaL_rjT0I8

DISMISSAL

L: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God.**