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April 21, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

Like a Shepherd

by Dufford

CALL TO WORSHIP—PSALM 100

L: Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

C: He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

C: For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

L: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name, who restores our souls, who leads us in the way of righteousness, and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.


C: This is the God we have come to worship! Let us praise our God.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)


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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us,
 2. We are yours, in love be - friend us,
 3. Let us al-ways seek your fa - vor;

3



much we need your ten-der care; in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us,
 be the guard-ian of our way; keep your flock, from sin de - fend us,
 let us al - ways do your will; Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav ior,

7



for our use your folds pre - pare. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have
 seek us when we go a - stray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your
 with your love our spir-its fill. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have

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bought us, yours we are; Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have
 chil - dren when we pray; Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your
 loved us, love us still; Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have

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bought us yours we are.
 chil - dren when we pray.
 loved us, love us still.

***TIME OF CONFESSION—PSALM 23¹**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener. The waters aren't always still. Our souls still thirst. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. O Lord, we long to be led by you, though we may complain along the path. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear. May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table. Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 236 NCH

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18 (CEB)

SERMON

HYMN (see next page)

Hymn to the Good Shepherd²

Hymn to the Good Shepherd

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$\text{♩} = 120$

Piano 

1. Good Shep - herd, you know us, you call us by
2. Good Shep - herd, you warn us of rob - bers and
3. Good Shep - herd, you lay down your life for the
4. At one with the Fa - ther, you made your-self

5 

name, you lead us; we glad - ly ac - know - ledge your
thieves; the hire - ling, the wolf, who de - stroys and de -
sheep; your love is not fick - le, your gift is not
known: 'I am the Good Shep - herd', at one with your

9 

claim. Your voice has com - pelled us; we come at your
- ceives; all praise for your prom - ise on which we can
cheap. You spend your life free - ly, you take it a -
own. You loved us be - fore we had heed - ed or

13 

call, and none you have cho - sen will fi - nal - ly fall.
stand, that no - one can snatch us from out of your hand.
- gain; you died, so we live we are healed by your pain.
heard; by grace we re - spond to your life - giv - ing word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER³

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Avalos

A TIME FOR SHARING⁴

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

As the Deer

by Nystrom

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 2215 FWS

Cares Chorus

ALL SING: I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 479 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

God is My Shepherd



God Is My Shepherd

James Leith Macbeth Bain, 140-1925

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Piano 

1. God is my shep - herd, I'll not want, I
 2. Re - stored to life each morn - ing new, I
 3. When I must pass through shad - owed vale, where
 4. No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my days will

4 

feed in pas - tures green. God grants me rest and
 rise up from the dust to fol - low God whose
 loss and death a - wait, I will not fear for
 power on earth de - feat the ones a - noint - ed
 sure - ly fol - low me; and where God reigns in

7 

bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean. Through
 pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust. I
 God is there, my shep - herd strong and great, Whose
 by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet, My
 heaven and earth, my dwell - ing place will be. My

10 

dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.
 praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.
 rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.
 cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - ior greet.
 shep - herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

References

¹The Psalm 23 Confession is written by Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC. Posted on LiturgyLink. <http://www.liturgylink.net/> and accessed for use on 4/15/24.

²re:Worship: Hymn to the Good Shepherd: John 10 (re-worship.blogspot.com)

³written by Fr. Jeremiah Williamson, and posted on Praying the Scriptures. <http://jeremiahwilliamson.blogspot.ca/>

⁴The Call to Offering and Offertory Prayer are written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on Ministry Matters. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed for use on 4/15/24.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8 AM Welcome Team Members—Bob & Kathy Ensminger, Jodi Graham

8 AM Tech Team— Jack Herlocker & John Kollasch

8 AM Liturgist—Tama Allison

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Tori Everhart, Stella Fletcher, & Scott Kiefer

10:30 AM Tech Team—George DeMers, Jack Herlocker, & John Kollasch

10:30 AM Liturgist—Charlie Hull

Worship Choir— Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Carol Hartman, Norma Hull, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, & Paula Strayer

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