

April 26, 2020



THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD
I SHALL
NOT WANT.

PSALM 23:1, NRSV



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Good Shepherd Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O Lord Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd, we look to You for protection and guidance, life and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever as Your sheep. Guide us this day and always in peace and hope. Finally, bring us all at last to our eternal home earned for us by Your shed blood. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 201 (red hymnal): *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won!
*Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.*

3. Jesus lives! For me He died,
*Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense;
This shall be my confidence.*

5. Jesus lives! and now is death
*But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
Jesus is my confidence!*

2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne
*High o'er heaven and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.*

4. Jesus lives! I know full well
*Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense;
This shall be my confidence.*

The Invocation *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him

and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs



The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 23*

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- C** I shall not want.
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- C** He leads me beside still waters.
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
- C** Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- C** You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- C** And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Gospel Reading: *John 5:22-30*

The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. ³⁰ "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Apostle's Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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 426 (red hymnal): *The Lord My Shepherd Is*

**1. The Lord my Shepherd is,
I shall be well supplied.
Since He is mine and I am His,
What can I want beside?**

**2. He leads me to the place
Where heav'nly pasture grows,
Where living waters gently pass
And full salvation flows.**

**3. If e'er I go astray,
He doth my soul reclaim
And guides me in His own right way
For His most holy name.**

**4. While He affords His aid,
I cannot yield to fear;
Though I should walk through
death's dark shade,
My Shepherd's with me there.**

**5. Amid surrounding foes
Thou dost my table spread;
My cup with blessing overflows,
And joy exults my head.**

**6. The bounties of Thy love
Shall crown my following days,
Nor from Thy house will I remove
Nor cease to speak Thy praise.**

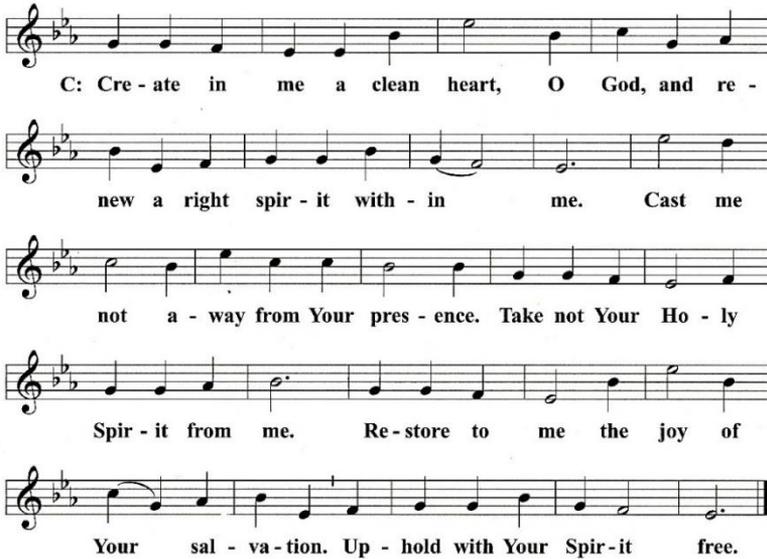
The Sermon: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

What Makes a Good Shepherd Great?

- I. His Holy Sacrifice (v.20)
- II. His Perfect Leadership (v.21)

The Offertory



C: 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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 436 (red hymnal): *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

1. *The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*
2. *My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*
4. *My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.*

Prayer of the Church – The 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P 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.

G Amen!

Hymn 51 (red hymnal): *Now May He Who from the Dead*

**1. Now may He who from the dead
Brought the Shepherd of the sheep,
Jesus Christ, our King and Head,
All our souls in safety keep!**

**2. May He teach us to fulfil
What is pleasing in His sight,
Perfect us in all His will,
And preserve us day and night!**

**3. To that dear Redeemer's praise,
Who the covenant sealed with blood,
Let our hearts and voices raise
Loud thanksgivings to our God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS: Mt. Zion's "in-person" worship services have been suspended until further notice, in cooperation with coronavirus prevention efforts. Sunday Worship will be available through internet live stream Sundays at 10am.

YOUR OFFERING CONTRIBUTION: The well-being of our members, both spiritual and physical, is our foremost concern. At the same time, it is important to support our mutual work for the LORD, even during this unusual time. This can be done in several ways:

- Electronic giving is available through "CashApp" -- Download the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to cash.app/login. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card to contribute your offering. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion".
- You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

PASTORAL CARE: Due to the "Stay Home" executive order signed by Governor Whitmer, and in conjunction with the community need for general isolation at this time, Pastor Naumann has had to change the way that he would normally interact with members. Phone calls and video chats have replaced many face-to-face meetings and visits. However, Pastor is also ready to take necessary precautions to bring the Word of God, in person, to our members who need spiritual help should the situation present itself. If you need to get ahold of Pastor for any reason, please don't hesitate to call! In the meantime, Pastor Naumann will continue to make phone and video calls to member households to check in, give encouragement, and see if you have any needs which the church can help with.

CLC CALL NEWS: The Call Committee for Educational Institutions called Prof. Daniel Schierenbeck to serve as ILC President from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022. He has accepted this call. <> The Call Committee for ILC Graduates

extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates. Pastoral Call: Cory Drehle called to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD; Teacher Call: Mikkela Hammond called to St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA; Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has asked not to be considered for a call at this time. <> Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year. <> Miss Carly Meyer has **returned** the call extended to her by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2058.00		\$993.88
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$20,923.08		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$21,797.09		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 5/3	10am	Sunday Worship Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook
	7pm	Congregation Trivia Night via Zoom
Tue. 5/19	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains housebound while suffering from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Sharon Vincent** continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery.