

April 25, 2021



The LORD is
my shepherd
I shall not want

PSALM 23:1



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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

Opening Hymn 736 (WS2000): *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

**1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

**2. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**3. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**4. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's power, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

**5. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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 First Reading: Acts 4:23-33

When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'-- ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

The Responsive 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 10:11-18*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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 Apostles' 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 783 (WS2000): *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

- 1. Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, Who Your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we Wake and safe We sleep, Guarded still by You.*
- 2. In Your promise firm We stand; None can take us from Your hand.
Speak! We hear! At Your command, We will follow You.*
- 3. By Your blood our souls were bought; By Your life salvation wrought;
By Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.*
- 4. Father, draw us to Your Son; We with joy will follow on
Till the work of grace is done, There to live with You.*
- 5. We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th' assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with You.*

The Sermon: *Psalm 23:1*

A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Theme: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD – THAT'S ENOUGH

- I. Enough to save a lost and wayward sheep like me.
- II. Enough to protect and provide for me my whole life long.

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 (TLH): *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.***

The Offering of Thankful Hearts *In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse (788:1):*

***Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

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.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 648 (TLH): *I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb*

1. I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;

*For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.*

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.

*When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.*

3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?

*And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.*

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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT: The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by downloading the CashApp on your mobile device. The church’s \$cashtag is “\$clcmzion”. Please direct questions to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear.

A CHURCH WORKDAY has been scheduled by the Board of Trustees for Saturday, May 8, beginning at 9:00am. We have a number of building and maintenance projects that we hope to accomplish, including: landscaping, deep cleaning inside, installing vinyl sign anchors, and other things. If you can, please come help beautify God’s house!

DIVINE CALL: I have received a divine call from Redeemer Lutheran Church of Cheyenne, WY, to be their full-time pastor. I now have two divine calls – one here to serve Mt. Zion congregation, and one to serve Redeemer congregation. As I prayerfully consider these calls, this is the main question: At which location (here or there) can I best serve the LORD with the talents He has given me? If you would like a copy of a paper (sent in latest congregational email) that outlines the biblical definition and consideration of divine calls, just ask. I welcome your comments, advice, and opinions. I ask for your prayers that the will of our LORD be done. – In Christ, Pastor Naumann.

21 VOTERS MEETING (4/18/21) SUMMARY: Opened with prayer at 1:05pm... Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted... **Reports:** Pastor’s report read and accepted... Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports were read but disagreed by approximately \$270; Nathan Fobear working to make numbers match. With that expectation both reports were accepted... Board of Trustees and Outreach Committee reports read and accepted... No Hymnal Committee report... **Old Business:** Delegates confirmed for CLC Convention (June 24-27): Randy Wittorp and Carl Ryan... **New Business:** Randy will make new usher schedule for remainder of 2021. Usher will be responsible for mowing during his assigned month... Voters request that LIFT create a list of nice-to-haves for the church building that could be purchases from memorial offerings... Randy Wittorp and Carl Ryan elected as delegates to attend Great Lakes Delegate Conference in Fond du Lac, WI (June 7-8)... Mt. Zion has been assigned a new seminarian to support through CLC project KINSHIP... Nathan Fobear called to conduct lay service on May 16. Matt Fobear called to conduct lay service on June 27... **Calendar Items:** VBS dates set for July 12-16... LMYC is July 19-22... Church picnic set for July 25... Next meeting date set for July 18, 2021 at 1pm... Meeting adjourned and closed with blessing at 2:28pm. – Minutes submitted by Randy Wittorp on behalf of Mt. Zion Secretary David Fobear.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Both Pastor Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN and Pastor Luke Willitz, Fairfax, MN have successfully passed the second stage of their colloquy. The Board of Doctrine has recommended to President Eichstadt that they be declared eligible for a call into the public ministry of the CLC. <> Soon to be Seminary graduate Drew Naumann, has **accepted** the call assigned to him by the Call Committee to be pastor of Trinity, Spokane, WA. <> Soon to be graduated in the Education Department Kathleen (Katie) Naumann, has **accepted** the call assigned to her to be the lower grade school teacher at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. <> Mrs. Carrie Reim has **received** the call to teach with primary emphasis on kindergarten at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Mrs. Beth Sandeen, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor. <> Mr. Eric Libby has reconsidered his acceptance of the call to be Immanuel, Mankato's High School Assistant Principal / School Counselor. He has now **returned** the call.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

April Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 15 // In-Person Bible Class = 10

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$24,615.38
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,529.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$24,262.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,426.20

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 5/2	9am	Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service (Easter 5)
Tue. 5/4	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Outreach Meeting
Wed. 5/5	7pm	Trustees Meeting
Sat. 5/8	9am	Church Workday
Sun. 5/23	4pm	Cleveland Worship Service

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. The **Wittorps** are expecting a newborn baby boy in May. **Dave Troyan** is recovering from COVID-19.