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**I am the
Good Shepherd.**

John 10:11



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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 710 *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, though 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 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 Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

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

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-enly king, al-might-y God and
Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

The musical notation is spread across eight staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring various rhythmic values and some chromaticism. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The notation includes a double bar line and a key signature change to three flats (B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat) in the final section.

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Psalms,
Hymns,
&
Spiritual
Songs**



The Gospel Reading: *John 10:1-11*

"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. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are
writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are'. The second staff contains 'writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the'. The third staff contains 'Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes.

A Confession of Faith from Luther's Small Catechism

We boldly profess our faith and refresh ourselves in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.

P What is the Third Article?

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The Baptism of Elizabeth Zelda Joy Wittorp

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4

Hymn 740 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 ev'ry 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.*

The Sermon: 1 Samuel 17:32-37

And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of [Goliath]. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his

father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

Theme: A GOOD SHEPHERD IS A FIGHTING SHEPHERD

- I. He fights to deliver the sheep.
- II. He fights to strengthen the sheep.

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
 God. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 657 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (Altered Tune & Translation)

**1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
 He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.**

With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

**2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.**

**4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "Scmctzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(WS 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 711:1 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. (2x)

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 and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

BAPTISM: We welcome the newest member of Mt. Zion: Elizabeth Zelda Joy Wittorp, born April 21, the daughter of Randy and Danielle Wittorp, is born again today of water and the Word. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives Elizabeth the gift of saving faith in the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, thereby washing Elizabeth of her sins and declaring her a dear child of the heavenly Father, a member of the Holy Christian Church, and an heir of eternal life. God is good!

CONGREGATIONAL FUTURE PLANNING MEETING has been rescheduled for next Sunday, May 7 following the service. The Board of Education will present a feasibility report, and update everyone on the ongoing plans for opening a Christian Day School in fall of 2024. All questions are welcome and encouraged.

“THE WORD FROM MOUNT ZION” SERMON PODCAST: The weekly sermon is now available as a podcast on Spotify. Simply search for “The Word from Mount Zion” and be sure to subscribe. The sermon podcast can easily be used as an outreach tool when shared with friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Thank you to the Outreach Committee for their work on producing this!

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sun. 5/7	9am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	Congregational Meeting: Update from BoE on Christian Day School planning
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Tue. 5/9	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Mon.-Tue. 6/5-6/6		Great Lakes Delegates Conference Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI
Tue.-Thu. 6/20-6/22		CLC General Pastoral Conference Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 8/6	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Matt and Susan Fobear

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 4/16/23

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 32 Bible Class/Sunday School: 22

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$29,711.54	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$39,094.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4017.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$3909.48
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$71,413.99

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Ryans** are expecting a baby in September. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma (cancer).

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

- P** What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer?
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **With these words God tenderly encourages us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that we may ask Him boldly and with complete confidence as dear children ask their dear father.**

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA **has called** Ross Kok of Holy Cross School, Phoenix, AZ to be their upper grade teacher. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith, New Ulm, MN **is considering the call** to serve as the third pastor at Messiah, Eau Claire, WI <> Seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht **has accepted the call** from the dual parish of Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension, Tacoma, WA to serve as their pastor. <> Teacher graduate Stephen Krause **has accepted the call** from Grace School Valentine, NE.

PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S RETREAT: "Grow in Grace" October 6-8, 2023 | Cusick, WA. We welcome all girls and women to our retreat in the beautiful Pacific Northwest! Planes, trains, and automobiles will bring you to Spokane, and then we'll lead you an hour-ish north to the Ponderosa Lodge. "Stay in the Know" by signing up on the Gethsemane Lutheran Church website for periodic updates. gethsemanelc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat. Questions? Contact Tina Eichstadt, teichstadt@gmail.com or 651-398-2386.