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April 30, 2023

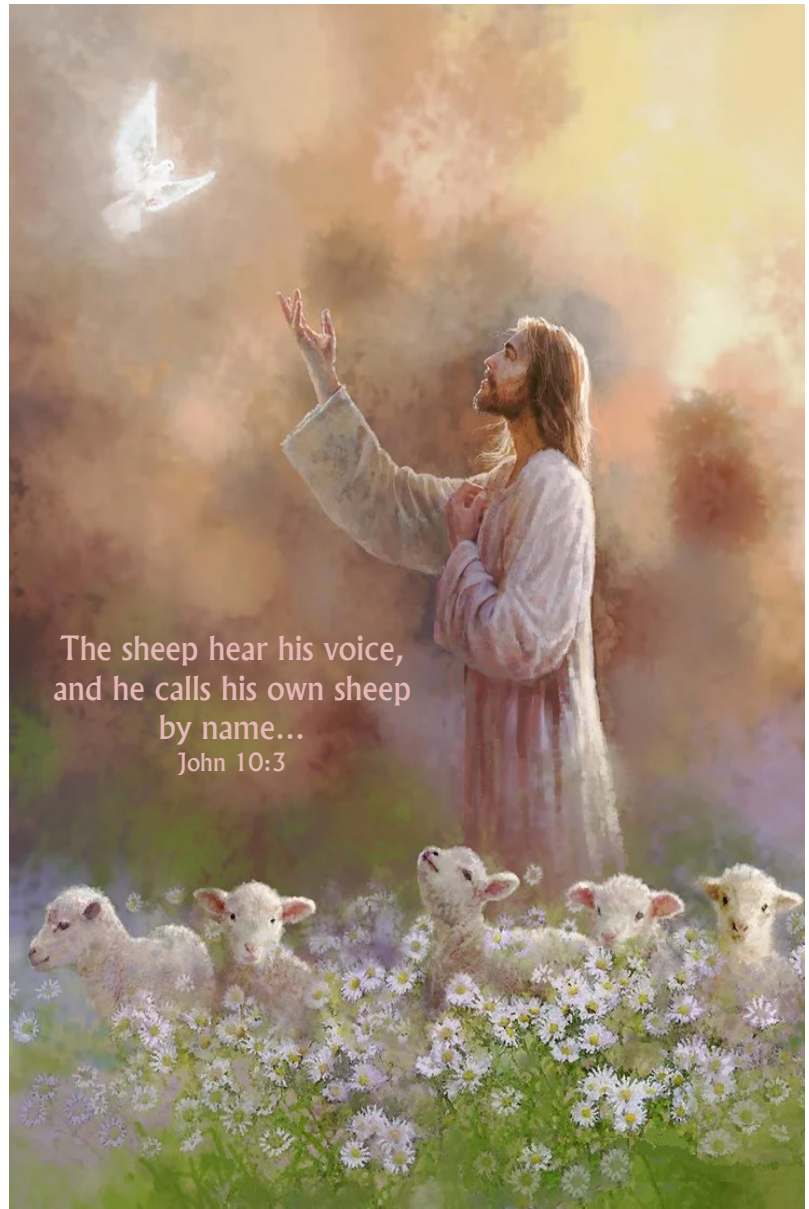


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The sheep hear his voice,
and he calls his own sheep
by name...
John 10:3



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PRELUDE

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Robin Milford

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my




I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 95:1, 7*

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Pastor: For He is our God,

People: **and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus, Good Shepherd, You have promised us that we shall not be in want;

People: **but we confess as Your sheep that we are stubborn, and often do not want for ourselves what You want to give us---Your mercy and blessing. Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: As the Good Shepherd, You have promised us peace in green pastures by quiet waters;

People: **but too often, we as sheep wander and stray, missing out on Your blessings. Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: As our Good Shepherd, You promise to restore our souls;

People: **we confess our sinning against You. We deserve nothing more than Your eternal wrath and judgment. Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: You promise to be with us, even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death;

People: **yet we confess, O Lord, that we do things in that valley that make us easy prey for predators. We sin against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: You have promised to comfort us with Your rod and Your staff;

People: **and we confess that we are helpless to save ourselves. We need You to save us, Lord!**

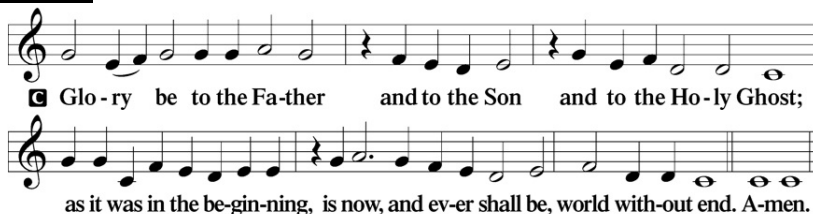
Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ✠

People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT from Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a

Pastor/Choir: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

THE GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE TE DEUM

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. Keep us from straying after other things that would harm our souls. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to hear and follow Your leading always, until that day when we are gathered with all Your sheep around Your throne in heaven. We ask this in Your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

(The fellowship of the believers)

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

(God continues to bring us back to our Shepherd and the Overseer of our souls.)

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Good Shepherd.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANTHEM @9am

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

*arr. Virgil Thompson
The Cathedral Choir*

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

(The Good Shepherd comes to bring life to the full.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter.

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ “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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
The only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2, Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2, John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ☩ **of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalm 106:48*

HYMN

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly
 need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly
 feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

SERMON

“What Makes a Shepherd Good?”

Psalm 23:1

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
 Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Franklin Ashford

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

People:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

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Pastor: Dear Good Shepherd (Jn 10:14), we offer you our prayers as a family of faith, as we share in the challenges of life. We gather together to gain strength from each other, to encourage each other and to be encouraged in life's often hazardous pilgrimage of faith. We trust in you to be our guide and helper, and our protector against the perils of the journey home to you. Be our strength and support. Today, as always.

People:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

Pastor: Dear Great Shepherd (Heb 13:20), we know that there will be times when life's dark and challenging times will hurt and trouble us, and it is then that we need you most especially. From past times of stress, and in faith,

hope and trust in you, we know that you will sustain us and journey with us through those difficult times; and give us strength, courage and hope in adversity. You know how fragile we can be, in our minds, bodies, and spirits, and we give thanks that you allow us time to draw breath, to wait quietly before you—resting in your comforting presence—and for these blessings we give you sincere thanks. You anticipate our needs, and prepare for us with generosity and love, even in the most unlikely of places.

People:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
 When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
 Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

Pastor:

Dear Chief Shepherd (1 Pt 5:4), in whom we trust, and for whom we give our thanks—we are overwhelmed by your unfailing love and in the extravagance of your blessings! We can only respond to that love and generosity with our thanks and praise, and seek to always worship, serve and praise you all our days.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor:

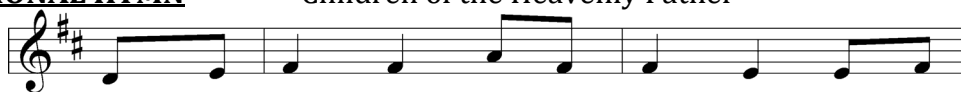
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✨ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:

☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN**“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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POSTLUDE**“Adagio Maestoso”***G. F Handel**(The Faithful Shepherd)*

A Prayer As you leave...

We ask you, Master, be our helper and defender. Rescue those of our number in distress; raise up the fallen; assist the needy; heal the sick; turn back those of your people who stray; feed the hungry; release our captives; revive the weak; encourage those who lose heart. Let all the nations realize that you are the only God, that Jesus Christ is your Child, and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

~Clement of Alexandria (c. 150–215)