

May 3, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Festival Hymn: # 502 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Verse 1

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

Verse 2

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth and,
where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

Verse 3

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

Verse 4

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.**

Verse 5

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

Verse 6

**And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

Prayer of Day: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 23 (Call and response)

L: ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: ³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, & I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: John 10:1-10 (Please stand as you are able)

¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Hymn of the Day: #780 "Shepherd Me, O God"

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Verse 1

**God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain***

Verse 2

**Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain***

Verse 3

**Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain***

Verse 4

**You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain***

Verse 5

**Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.**

Final Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

The Prayers:

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Shepherding God, we thank you for the educational ministries of your church. Enrich the work of teachers, professors, mentors, advisors, and faculty at colleges, seminaries, and learning sites. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guiding God, no one should be in want. Bid the nations to return to your paths of righteousness and inspire our leaders to walk in your ways, so that all may have the opportunity to live abundantly and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, you carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety and overwhelmed with suffering, especially: Judy, Nancy, George, Tom, Dean, Marlene, Lloyd, Brian, Robert, Karl, Finley, Billie and Mark . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregations (local ministries may be named). May none of our neighbors lack for basic needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, your beloved have heard your voice; you have called them by name and guided them to your side in death. We thank you for their lives of faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #789 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Verse 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.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

Verse 2

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

Verse 3

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

Verse 4

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

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May 3, 2020 - Announcements

Worship: Join Pastor Kris live on Facebook or via the Zoom app at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. If you do not have Facebook you can watch it on our YouTube channel at a later time. A link is on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts and hymn lyrics can be downloaded on St. Luke's website as well.

Sunday School: The Sunday school children can join Michelle live on our Facebook page at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings for a Bible story and short visual. A link is on St. Luke's website. Children's bulletins can be downloaded on St. Luke's website under the Sunday School tab.

2020 Confirmands: The Confirmation service is postponed until further notice, as well as confirmation pictures. Confirmand Faith Statements are posted to St. Luke's website for everyone to read. Today we remember our 2020 confirmands: Samuel William Tipton, Julia Lee Carlson, Austin Allan Clemens, Eli Robert Ryan, Jed Stephen Ryan, Maison Forrest Poston, Ellie Rae Peterson, Kasen Luis Bigalk, Caleb Trevor Dicke and Gavin Jeremy Schafer. May God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine on you with grace and mercy and God grant you favor in all that is to come.

SWAG: The 9-12th graders can join Michelle on Wednesday evenings for a short lesson & devotion. A link or invite will be emailed to you. Contact the Michelle with any questions.

Call Process: The call committee has been formed and they are in the process of calling pastoral candidates to interview. We'll keep you updated as they proceed with the call process.

Food Shelf: Food Shelf donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure. Thank you to the many people who have been dropping off food donations!

Giving During Closure: At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website www.stlukegoodhue.org under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions saramollenhauer@gmail.com or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

Those in need: If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message or email the office.

Fabric for Masks Needed: Naomi Berland is continuing to make a variety of sized face masks. She could use more fabric. Please drop off at the church, inside the alley door, any woven fabric such as sheets, pillow cases, shirts, flannels, etc. that you don't want. If you need a mask she recently left many new sizes at the church (kids and XL adult), so please take what your family needs.

Opportunity to Help: Can you tie a knot? Can you put a pin into something? Are you getting bored and looking for something to do? Well do we have an opportunity for you!

Our quilting group still has 40 quilts that need to be finished and sent off to World Relief. We are looking for eight people to do 4 hours a week at the church basement pinning and tying these needed quilts.

You will work in a safe distancing environment. Only one team of 4 people with one quilter will work for 2 hours 2 times a week for the month of May. We will check your temperature when you arrive and you will need to wear a cloth mask. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one. We will teach you what to do and be readily available to help you if you need it. Our goal is to complete 3 quilts in 2 hours.

So what do you say? Give Naomi Berland a call at 923-5139. She will answer your questions, sign you up and schedule you. Please pitch in and help us with this mission work for World Relief. ~Thank you, *The Quilting Group*

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including Judy Gravemann (Nick's Mother), Nancy Nord, George Campbell (Kelly Rehder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Brian Deneen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek and Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.