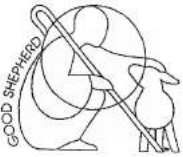


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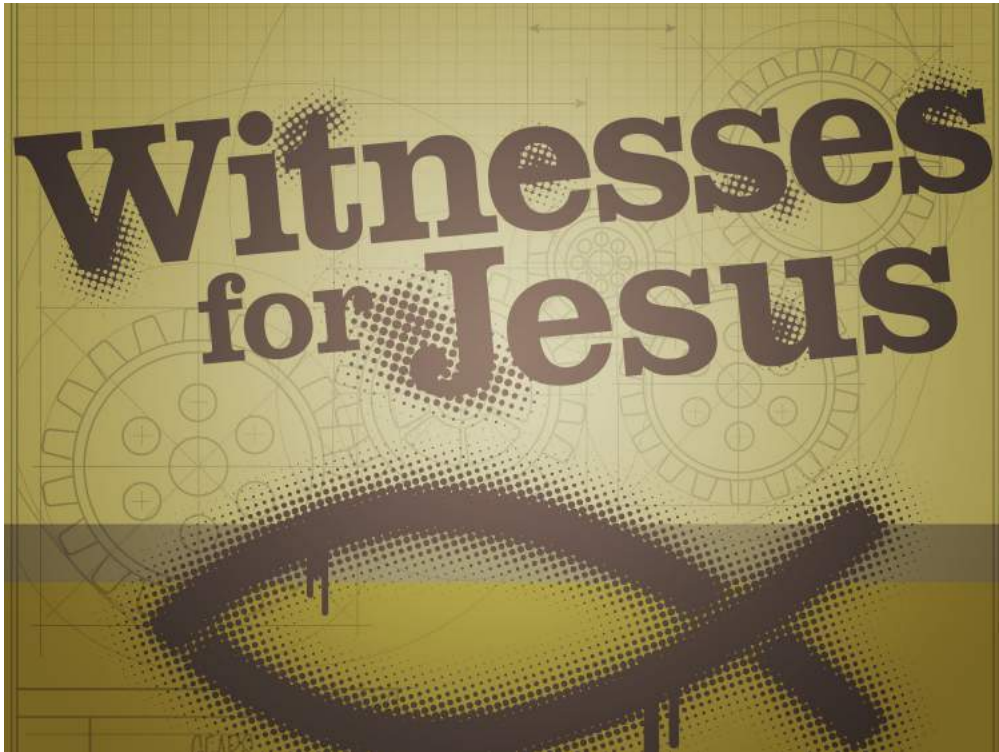


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Welcome! — We extend a heartfelt welcome to all. May the praise of Jesus' name be on our lips and the glory of God's name be reflected in how we live in the week ahead. Please come and worship with us again. We thank Claudia Valleau for serving as our organist today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located in the front entrance or the Welcome Card in the pew rack in front of you. Thank you!

Prayers before Worship — Thank You, dear Lord Jesus, for chasing after us, bringing us into Your fold, and watching over us. What comfort we have knowing, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Amen.

WELCOMING PSALM: *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* **Hymn 555**

**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.**

**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.**

**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;**

**My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;**

Invocation—Confession—Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven
whose sins are covered.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord:

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like
lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in
our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy
law. We have done those things which we should not have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and spare us. Forgive us and restore us
according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us.
He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ who gave His life as
the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His au-
thority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

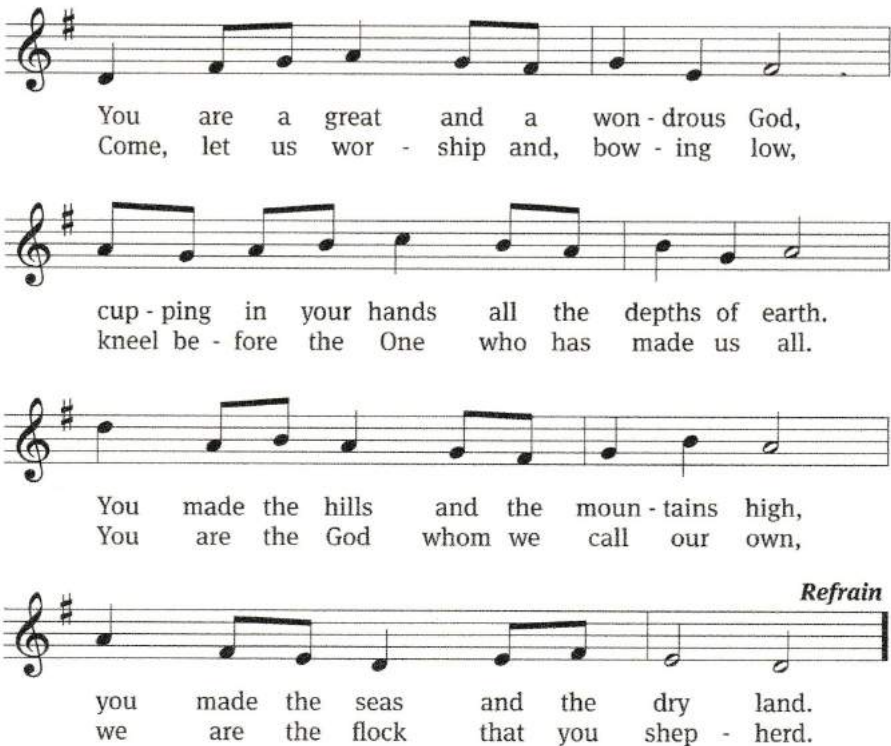


Come, Oh Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
 come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
 come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses



You are a great and a won - drous God,
 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
 cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.
 You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
 You are the God whom we call our own,
Refrain
 you made the seas and the dry land.
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Good Shepherd, allow me to focus on You when troubles come my way. My challenges may seem great, but I know You are greater. And whether You take my troubles away, or give me the strength to endure them, I know You will be with me and always watch over me; for You live and reign with Your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

42 They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. 43 Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed. 46 Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, 47 as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SUNG RESPONSE:

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Hymn 551 stanzas 1-2

**Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, who Your Father's flock does keep,
safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by You.**

**In Your promise firm we stand, none can take us from Your hand;
speak— we hear— at Your command, we will follow You.**

Second Lesson

John 10:1-10

1 "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what He was telling them. 7 So Jesus said again, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. 8 All who came before Me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. Whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."



SUNG RESPONSE: *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep* **Hymn 551 stanzas 3-4**

**By Your blood our souls were bought, by Your life salvation wrought;
by Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.**

**Father, draw us to Your Son; we with joy will follow on
till the work of grace is done, there to live with You.**

Third Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

19 For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. 20 For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

21 Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in His steps. 22 He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth. 23 When He was insulted, He did not insult in return. When He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. 24 He Himself carried our sins in His body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY *Like the Golden Sun Ascending* **Hymn 470**

**Like the golden sun ascending, breaking through the gloom of night,
on the earth its glory spending so that darkness takes to flight,
thus my Jesus from the grave and death's dismal, dreadful cave
rose triumphant Easter morning at the early purple dawning.**

**Thanks to You, O Christ victorious! Thanks to You, O Lord of life!
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because You did arise and have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory of the resurrection story.**

**You have died for my transgression, all my sins on You were laid.
You have won for me salvation, on the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise and shall meet You in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.**

**For the joy Your Advent gave me, for Your gospel's great reward,
for Your baptism which has saved me, for Your supper and Your Word;
for Your death, the bitter scorn, for Your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank You and extol You, and in heav'n I shall behold You.**

Hold Firmly to the Teaching of our Good Shepherd!**Confession of Faith—Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Choir Anthem

**Thank Offering**

We give our offerings to God out of love, not obligation. Every week freely return gifts to Him. None of it is forced, but flows from God's love.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, God of grace, You have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

When we are weak be our strength, when we are sad be our joy, and when we sin be our ever-present salvation.

Remove the sting of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow His promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of lost and troubled souls. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy and peace.

Destroy all powers and authorities that stand against You, whether we can see them or not. Whatever evil exerts itself against Your saving purpose – false teaching or lukewarm faith, the devil's lies or worldly passions, empty worship or false religion – rule over it so that the gospel may spread freely.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight of faith to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, Living Lord, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As Your angel sent women with the news of the resurrection, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As You sent out Your disciples with the power of the Spirit, call men in our church, full of the same Spirit, to be faithful with the gifts You have given.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us for the reason why we have hope in Christ.

Heavenly Father, keep us in Your care. Put hope and joy in our hearts through the power of Christ's resurrection. Help us fight against the old evil foe and give assurance that because He lives, we, too, will live forever with You.

Encourage the timid. Strengthen the weak. Grants success to the faithful. And give our people hope through the resurrection of Jesus.

Lord of life, You have done the mightiest things for us! We pray through Him who is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ!

His name is above every name, for Your glory. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

Holy, Holy, Holy

tune Ellacombe

**Sing, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,
Your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky."
Our voices cry, "Hosanna!" Lord, hear our humble plea:
in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,
who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!
How blest are You, Lord Jesus, now coming in God's name!
"Hosanna in the highest!" our grateful hearts proclaim.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

tune Duke Street

**O Lamb of God, once lifted high upon a cross to bleed and die,
in perfect love You took our place– bestow on us Your saving grace.**

**O Lamb of God, Your sacrifice has cancelled sin, has paid its price;
Your perfect love will never cease– have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.**

What exactly is going on with this very close communion?

A doctor loves to help people and not harm them. What I receive from my physician may help me but may actually hurt those for whom it is not intended. Same thing is going on with this Supper.

The Good Physician did not offer His supper to every believer of His in Jerusalem. He freely gave it to those who were instructed and who by faith supported Him.

As fellow WELS or ELS members, please don't hesitate to receive God's prescription for your soul. If you want to discover more about this teaching or any others, please don't hesitate to ask us. We would love to help you discover more of God's Word. Let us introduce you to our pastors. They are always delighted to share more of what God says.

Distribution

The following hymns will be sung.

Hymn 670 *I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

Hymn 552 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



Parting Prayer

God, thank You for refreshing us with this saving gift.
Let it strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Romans 16:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Parting Song

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Hymn 804

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.

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.

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.



Dear guests,

We are so thankful you could be with us today to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

If there is any way we can help you get to know Jesus better, we would be honored to help you. Let us introduce you to our pastors. They eagerly teach God's Word to young and old. We all stand ready to share the Gospel of our Savior with each and every one of you! Blessings!



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Register by May 15 at lwms.org/convention-stipend-sign-up

Movie Night!!
Here at church.
Showing
"Jesus Revolution"
Friday, April 28
at 6:30 pm

Very exciting Bible School
— HELPERS needed —

Check the sign up sheet in
the entryway or contact
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Robert in Ecuador
Gloria Walters in NY
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Pastor Mike Wolff
Sam & Becky Piper
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Kristin in USA
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Sean Jenkins in TN
Syed Gul in Pakistan

Our Board of Education last month suggested a Three-Sundays-in-May, door offering to help our revitalized youth program on **May 7, 14, 21**

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OUR WEEK WITH JESUS



4/30 SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship with Holy communion
2:00 pm Cable TV of **Last Sunday's** Service
Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985

Worship Online 24/7 at live.1goodshepherd.org

5/2 Monday 11:00 am "Coffee with Christ" at Grace's Restaurant WR
6:30 pm Choir

5/4 Thursday 7:00 pm Worship service with communion

JULY 9TH CHURCH PICNIC- with musician Mike Westendorf.

July 23rd Evangelism/Fellowship Rafters game

Don't miss out on our May 14th
Ladies Group mouthwatering,
wonderfully delicious and
Yummy... **PIEs palooza!**



Coming up: May 7th

Teachers' Appreciation Sunday
for our principal and educator
Donna Tullberg (30 years) &
for our early childhood teacher
Amanda Irwin (6 years)

The **Change-For-Life** program to support the Life-
ministries of **NEW BEGINNINGS— A HOME FOR**
MOTHERS. Be sure to pick up your family's baby-
bottle. They can be returned to church **June 18th.**



Thank you to all who generously donated the flowers for
our altar area! Last call to take them home with you today.
(Yes, you can plant lilies in the Fall in a sunny spot!)