



May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday

As We Gather

While there are many types of people that make up the Christian Church on earth, we are all members of “one flock” and we all have one Shepherd. We are all children of God united through faith in Christ who died for us and rose again. The image of a shepherd is one who cares for those in the flock, even as Psalm 23 so beautifully describes. As we worship together on this Good Shepherd Sunday, may the Holy Spirit remind us that each of us are a member of God's flock and of what the Good Shepherd has done and continues to do for us each day so we can have an abundant life.

Hymn: LSB 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: **who loved us, and sent the Good Shepherd.**

Pastor: In the name of the Son,

People: **Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the sheep, who became the Lamb of God for us.**

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: **who enables us to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd.**

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

All: **Lord God, we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.**

Pastor: Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn: LSB 711 “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

First Reading - Acts 20:17–35 (*Paul talks about his ministry at Ephesus and what lies ahead for him.*)

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. ²² “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. ²⁵ “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³² “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 23 (*The Lord is our Shepherd.*) [Spoken responsively]

Pastor: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

People: **He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters.**

Pastor: He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: **Yea, 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.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my Shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Second Reading – Revelation 7:9-17 (*Christ's sheep come from every nation, tribe, people, and language.*)

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 10:22-30 (*Jesus' sheep listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.*)

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: LSB 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Sermon: John 10:11-14, 27-28 "Our Good Shepherd"

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Offertory: "Create In Me" (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 192*)

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.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us come before the Lamb and His throne and bring to Him the prayers of all His people and everyone according to their needs.
Shepherd of love, You have delivered us from our sins and from the power of death and made us Your people forever. Give to us Your Spirit that we know the fullness of Your goodness now until we know Your joy forever in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from all our enemies, keep us safe amid the dangers and terrors of this mortal life, and bring us to everlasting life through Christ, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give wisdom to those who lead us in this land, peace to the nations, courage to pursue justice for all people, and protection for those who protect and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to the sick and those who suffer in mind or in body healing, comfort, strength, and patience according to Your gracious will, [*especially* . . .]. Give peace to the dying, and comfort the grieving in their sorrow and loss. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Help us to use wisely and well all the resources You freely and graciously bestow upon us, and direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

(Any other petitions and prayers will be included here.)

Pastor: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Hymn: "Faith of Our Mothers" (Melody: Faith of Our Fathers)

**Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

A Litany for Mother's Day

Pastor: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

People: **Thank you God for mothers!**

Pastor: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: **Thank you God for my mother!**

Pastor: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth,

People: **Thank you God for the mothers of the past.**

Pastor: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now,

People: **Thank you God for the mothers of today.**

Pastor: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet,

People: **Thank you God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Pastor: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care,

People: **Thank you God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Pastor: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on,

People: **Thank you God for the mothers who are so strong.**

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do and say. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn: LSB 740 "I Am Jesus Little Lamb"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of May 8, 2022

**Church
News**

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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PRAY FOR: Dennis & Sue Doss
Peace, Shell Knob - vacancy

New Prayer Requests:

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Mahlon Stine on his recovery.

Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)

Aden O'Brian – (Great Grandson of Bill & Diane Thompson – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List

Ellie Armstrong – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)

Janice Powell - (Cousin of Bernie Thomas – health and healing from heart procedure)

Emily Pulikal– (Joanne Michel's niece – peace and comfort for at-risk pregnancy)

Betty Marsh – (Health and healing from a broken hip)

Kay Johnson – (Health and healing from a blood clot)

Judy Lehde – (Health and healing from knee surgery)

Peggy Lilienkamp – (health and healing after gall bladder surgery)

Finley Wilson – (Troy Wilson's son – health and healing from ear issues)

Erica Wilson – (Troy Wilson's ex-wife – health and healing)

Ryan Young – (Kathy Holle's nephew – protection on his military deployment)

Larry Willis – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Stacy Maples – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

Margaret Seburn - (Cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)

Gary Gardner– (Health and healing from surgery)

Bill Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)

Joan Wolf – (Health and healing)

Michael Lampe – (Pastor's son – health and healing)

Eric Folsom – (Healing and finding purpose)

Randy Wallace – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)

Rick Strong – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)

Diana Bauer – (Daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)

Mary Ramm – (Relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)

Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)

Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)

Ronnie Garoutte - (Father-in-law of Amy Garoutte - health and healing)
Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)
Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	May 8th 	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Financial Ministry Team – 9:30 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am
Tuesday	May 10th	Circuit Pastors meeting 9:30 am.
Wednesday	May 11th	Pastor in the Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	May 12th	Pastor in the Office
Sunday	May 15th	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 a Fellowship – 9:30 am Service with Communion – 10:00 am

Birthdays: Jane Goodman-May 9

Anniversaries: Doug & Jane Goodman-May 9

Free Will Offering - “Food for the Poor” – Thank you for your kind offerings of \$144 last week. Pastor uses this money for those in need as the occasion arises.

New Church Directory: Please check in the conference room that we have your current information correct for the new directory. If you want a new picture, please let Charlie know Or text or email a picture

Graduates: We will honoring graduates in June. Please let Charlie know by May 29th of your graduates names so we can include them.

Save the Date: June 4th City Wide Garage Sale at Grace. If you want space to setup a booth, contact Pam to reserve your spot!

Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: May – “Shower Us With Supplies”

New school supplies such as pencils, pens, binders, expo markers, sticky notes, glue sticks, markers, crayons, highlighters, backpacks and folders. Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information.

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May

GREETERS

- 08 - Micki Gettman & Glenda Enlow
- 15 - Bill & Joanne Michel
- 22 - Bob & Rachel Sanford
- 29 - Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS

- 08 - Dennis Doss
- 15 - Don Wolf
- 22 - David Lampe
- 29 - Charlie Chambers



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