

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" arr. Robert A. Hobby

The Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and I lay down my life for the sheep."

We praise you and worship you, O Lord!

Jesus said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved."

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Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and may have it to the full."

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*The Hymn of Praise "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" 457

*The Call to Confession

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that we have been healed. Let us confess our sins to God that we might receive this healing.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have not always followed your voice. We have sought peace and rest apart from you. We have relied on our own strength and our own wisdom. We have trusted in ourselves to meet our needs. For all the ways that we have strayed from you, forgive us, Lord. [Silent Confession]. Merciful God, free us from these sins so that we may live for righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ, the good shepherd, laid down his life for us. In Christ, our sins have been forgiven. We have abundant and everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

*The Response

"Alleluia!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GTG hymnal 587

The Anthem

"Be Still and Know"
Chancel Choir

by Ruth Elaine Schram

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25 page 317 NT

The Psalm Psalm 23 page 607 OT

The Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 page 139 NT

The Sermon

Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

*The Hymn "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" 171

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Mark Thewes

*The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG hymnal 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" 387

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" arr. Aaron Shows
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Schadel

Greeter: Kristi Millar

Ushers:

Fellowship Hour: Ruth Anderson

Heather Rousseau would like to thank all those who sent cards, prayers and well wishes during her surgery and as she recovers. Everything went well.

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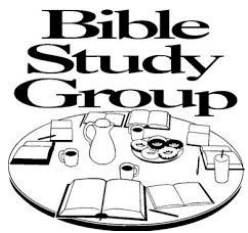
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Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.



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Sunday School



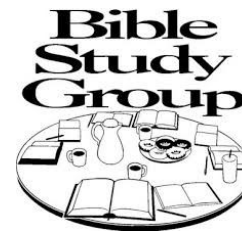
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Prayer of Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own.

In hearing your Word, may we also follow in your ways.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ God will bless you for this, if you endure the pain of undeserved suffering because you are conscious of his will. ²⁰ For what credit is there if you endure the beatings you deserve for having done wrong? But if you endure suffering even when you have done right, God will bless you for it. ²¹ It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. ²³ When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous Judge. ²⁴ Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed. ²⁵ You were like sheep that had lost their way, but now you have been brought back to follow the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls.

Psalm 23

The Lord Our Shepherd^[a]

²³ The LORD is my shepherd;

I have everything I need.

² He lets me rest in fields of green grass

and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

³ He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths,

as he has promised.

⁴ Even if I go through the deepest darkness,

I will not be afraid, LORD,

for you are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

⁵ You prepare a banquet for me,

where all my enemies can see me;

you welcome me as an honored guest

and fill my cup to the brim.

⁶ I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life;

and your house will be my home as long as I live.