

# ***Good Shepherd Sunday***

***Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

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“We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus. We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve others.”

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## **Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!**

May our worship this glorious morning celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

**\*PLEASE NOTE\* We ask that when the Prelude is begun, conversation will cease in order that all have an opportunity to prepare for worship. Please turn off all cell phones.**

## **A prayer before Worship**

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by us this morning in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

(1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to speak with Pastor Mercer.

# 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



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,



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 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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## Invocation & Exhortation

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### **Confession of Sins**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Introit**      *Psalm 33:1, 18–20*



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Alle- |  
luia.\*

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.  
Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy in the Lord, O you | righteous!\***  
**Praise befits the | upright.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear him,\*  
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,  
**that he may deliver their | soul from death\***  
**and keep them alive in | famine.**

Our soul waits | for the Lord;\*  
he is our help | and our shield.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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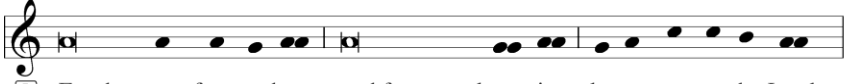
**Kyrie**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



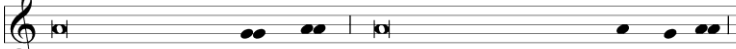
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



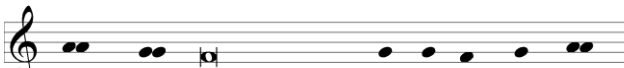
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Gloria in Excelsis

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - y God and  
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

### **C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **C Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 34:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

<sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

**Psalm**      *Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his  
name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Even 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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

**Epistle**      *1 Peter 2:21–25*

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel *John 10:11-16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

### C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### C Praise to You, O Christ.

# 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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.

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

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

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## Sermon

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**"Hear Our Prayer"**

**Offering, Special Music**

**"I am Jesus' Little Lamb"**

*Children's Choir*

## Offertory



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

# Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

### 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re-store a-gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence  
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly



down to lie In pas-tures green; He  
walk doth make With-in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol-low me; And in God's house for-



lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.  
righ-teous-ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still.  
oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.  
ev-er-more My dwell-ing place shall be.

### 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je-sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an-y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad-en, Cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car-ry Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-u-ge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith-ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car-ry Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je-sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

## 482 This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

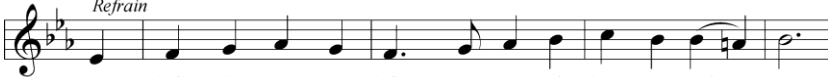


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

## 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!



# Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

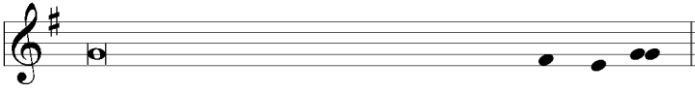
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

# 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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## **Divine Shepherd Calendar**

### **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am                      Worship Service  
10:30 am                    Bible Study, Sunday School

### **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am                      Quilting Group  
5:15 pm                      Family Dinner  
5:45 pm                      Wednesday School/Bible Class

### **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30 am                      Ladies Bible Study  
5:30 pm                      Adult Bell Choir  
6:30 pm                      Adult Choir

### **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>-Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Youth Retreat at Campfire Cabins*

### **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am                      Rusty Restorations

### **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am                      Worship Service  
10:30 am                    Bible Study, Sunday School  
12:00 pm                    *Fellowship Hall Reserved for Private Event*

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and cash!

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if you would like envelopes

*The Church Admin will be out of the office **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>-Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.***

*She will be available by email during those dates.*

## **Important Dates & Information**

The South Dakota 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Youth Retreat is on **April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm at Campfire Cabins**. 6<sup>th</sup> grade-High School are welcome to attend. Experience a weekend of outdoor adventure, faith, and friendship with other youth from the South Dakota 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit! Contact Andrew Wempen for questions or more information. The flyer is posted on the Youth board in the Fellowship Hall.

On **April 29<sup>th</sup>**, the Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN will be holding the annual Call Day. Our own, Morgan Phillips, will be getting his first call to a congregation that day! We will be showing the livestream of this service here in the fellowship hall at **5:00 pm**. Please join us! If you would like to send Morgan and his family a card, please send to the following address: 11545 U.S. Highway 27, Decatur, IN 46733

The Academy would like to offer lily and iris bulbs to anyone who would like them! Reach out to the office or talk to Erin.

Also, the Academy needs **large cardboard boxes**. If you have any sitting at home, please bring them in! The class will be using them for their garden.

The Bethlehem Lutheran chapter of the LWML is hosting Rev. Tess Franzen from Freedoms Journey to give a presentation on human trafficking here in South Dakota. We are opening this presentation up for anyone to attend since it is an important topic, and with some knowledge you can help save a life. Please join us **May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1630 Rushmore St.). This event is free and open to the public. We will take up a freewill offering for Freedoms Journey at the event. For more information or to RSVP please contact Alexandra Loverink- [aloverink@gmail.com](mailto:aloverink@gmail.com) (503)459-6023.