

The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding  
Choir Concert Sunday

resurrection  
REALity

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CHRIST Lutheran Church

*"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul."* Hebrews 6:19

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*Pastor Frelitz*

**Organist**

*Sunday: Jean McClellan*

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**Ushers**

*Sunday 8:00 AM: John Lautz & Jim Hauser*

■ *Sunday 10:30 AM: Brent Harris & Ralph Lounsbrough*

**Worship Hosts**

*Sunday 8:00 AM: Nancy Lautz & Jean Hauser*

*Sunday 10:30 AM: Harris Family*

**Ushers**

*Monday 6:30 PM: Osgood*

# Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

## **SERIES THEME: RESURRECTION REALITY**

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality. Our worship follows this pattern.

- † **Fourth Sunday of Easter - The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding**
- † Fifth Sunday of Easter - The Living Lord Produces Active Faith
- † Sixth Sunday of Easter Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours
- † Ascension of Our Lord Christ's Ascension Means He Is Closer Than Ever

## **THEME OF THE DAY: THE RISEN SAVIOR PROVIDES A GOOD SHEPHERD**

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

The word "pastor" comes from the Latin word for "shepherd." Today, there are plenty of people—pastors, religious leaders, etc.—who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that "many" of these are "false prophets" (1 John 4:1) who "distort the truth" (Acts 20:30). Many! But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up true sub-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.

# THE SERVICE (MORNING PRAYER) PG. 207

## Handbells - Take it to the Lord in Prayer

### 551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with  
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'\_as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and  
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our  
joy will fol - low on till the work of  
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, there to live with you.  
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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### Stand

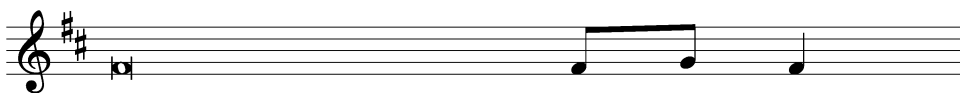
O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Hasten to save me, O God;  
**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

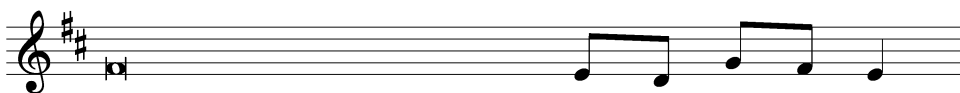
Jesus Christ is Lord of all:  
**praise and thanks to God!**

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

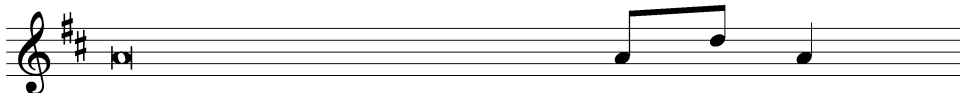
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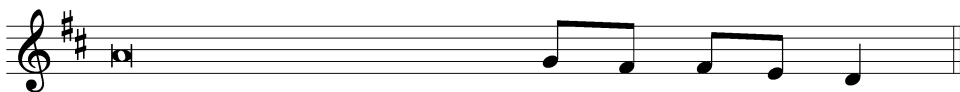
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a great God  
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

## **Choir Selections:**

We Are Your Church – by Tina English & John Purifoy

Be Strong In The Lord - by Linda Lee Johnson & Tom Fettke

You Are Mine – by David Haas & Mark Hayes

## **First Reading**

*Acts 20:28–32*

<sup>28</sup> “Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. <sup>30</sup> Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

<sup>32</sup> “And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. The one

who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

<sup>11</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep 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>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*CW 552 sts. 1–4*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

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## Devotion

John 10:11-15

## Our Good Shepherd

## Offering

*Please use this opportunity to fill in the Friendship Register. Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

## Choir Selections:

Come as You Are - by David Crowder, Matt Maher & Ben Glover

Prayer for Mercy – by Mark Hayes

Not by Might, Nor by Power – by Lloyd Larson

Stand

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The following prayer is said:*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

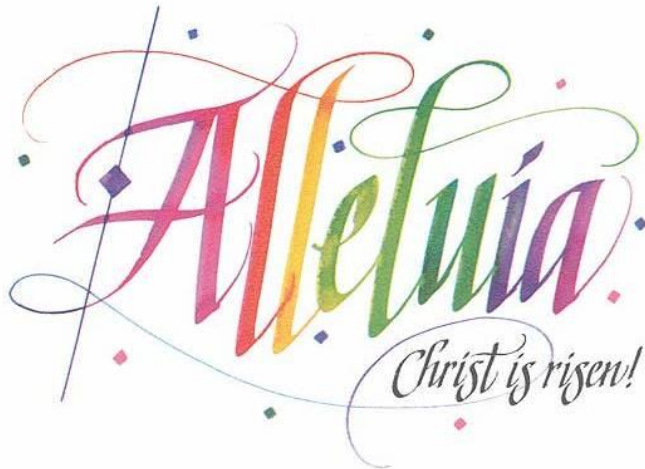
**Give us this day our daily bread;**



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.

Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**



# 804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the



heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry  
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he  
by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me



day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

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