

# *Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church*

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*Note: All Hymns are printed at the back of the bulletin.*

**PRELUDE - "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" Wood**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN #789 - "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The Scriptures compare us to sheep who have gone astray. As sheep seem not to see beyond the next tuft of grass, we seem to be attracted to the immediate temptation. We become ravenous consumers rather than good stewards of God's abundance. Jesus calls us to respond to the Shepherd's voice.

**O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us to trust you beyond these limits. Amen.**

*Silence for reflection*

God provides for us as a good shepherd provides for a flock of sheep, seeking green pastures, and still waters for us even in periods of famine and drought. In fearful times, amid loss, the Shepherd's care is always available. Surely God's goodness and mercy will restore all who give up their own pretensions in order to live in community, with glad and generous hearts. Rejoice and be glad because God has forgiven us all our sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING - Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall 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, and my cup is running over.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING - Acts 2:42-47

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given  
us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

<sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven  
for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation

ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while  
you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being

more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to  
result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have

not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in  
him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the

outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please sing)



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The good news according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL - John 10:11-10**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #502 - “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Shepherding God, We give you thanks for the First Responders and Health Care Workers who risk their lives for the health and safety of others every day. Protect them, strengthen and encourage them; surround them with skillful colleagues and keep them calm amidst the stressful circumstances they encounter. During this Covid-19 pandemic, we are especially grateful for paramedics, fire fighters, police officers, nurses, doctors, researchers; for those who work in hospitals where the virus is rampant and those who make decisions on behalf of patients. We also are grateful to those who keep us fed: farmers, truck drivers, grocery store workers and those who work at essential businesses, food pantry employees and volunteers. It takes a village to raise a child but it takes a nation working together to get through the trials of a pandemic. O Lord, in your mercy. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, We praise you for those who maintain and operate farm equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen their hands as they feed the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guiding God, No one should be in want. Bid the nations to return to your paths of righteousness and inspire our leaders to walk in your ways, so that all may have the opportunity to live abundantly and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, You carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety and overwhelmed with suffering. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, You desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food pantries, and feeding ministries in our congregations. May none of our neighbors lack for basic needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, Your beloved have heard your voice; you have called them by name and guided them to your side in death. We thank you for their lives of faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

**THE 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.**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN #544 - "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"**

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. And serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE - "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" Cherwien**

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## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

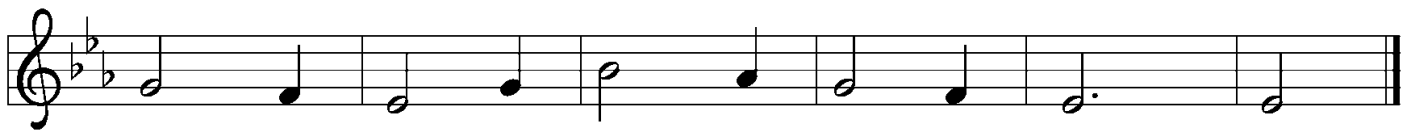
## The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

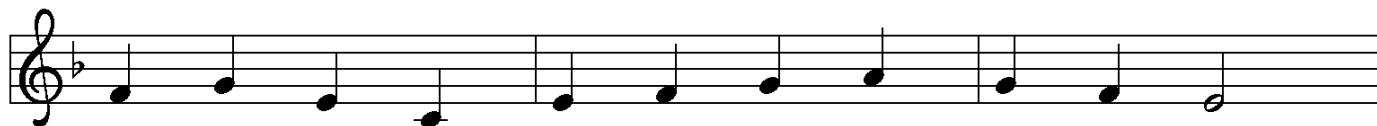
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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## Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

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## *Looking For Pictures*

We are looking for pictures of you and your family for the pews to be shared during the video service. If you would like us to use the picture from the last directory (the new one is not out yet) we would be happy to do that, but you will need to give us your permission. Please share or e-mail any picture you would like to use to [christlutherandeforest@gmail.com](mailto:christlutherandeforest@gmail.com).

## *Staying Connected*

Staying connected to our church family and providing for those needing comfort and spiritual guidance is very important. We are providing information and resources for care and support in a variety of ways:

[www.christlutherandeforest.org](http://www.christlutherandeforest.org) - Our church website is the central location where we are posting the most current church information and the resources we are providing such as the "Fixed Hour Prayer" devotional, and weekly online service.

Facebook - From the website home page, you can click on the  button in the upper right corner and it will take you to the Christ Lutheran facebook page, where you can follow Pastor Sue's Posts. She is posting a video of herself reading a bible story and pairing it with a delightful children's story each day to connect with children of all ages.

YouTube - The website will link you to YouTube where the Sunday service videos are available for everyone. Or, you can search on YouTube for Christ Lutheran Deforest to find our channel.

[office@christlutheran.org](mailto:office@christlutheran.org) - Email is a great way way to receive up-to-date information quickly as it is posted. The service we use for the Door Post newsletter is the same one we use for the collective group email. If you are not receiving email, go to our website and click on the Door Post sliding banner to sign up. You may receive an email response that may require you to click and "subscribe" to confirm that you want on our list.

US Postal Service - Printed copies of our latest letters and the Fixed Hour Prayer devotional were sent out on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to those members who are on our list to receive printed copies of the Door Post, as well as to the homebound members who receive the weekly bulletins. If you did not receive this packet and would like one, or would like the weekly bulletins for the recorded Sunday services, call the office. If you know anyone else who would like one or does not use technology, please call the church office. The office number is 608-846-4718.

Telephone - Pastor Sue is coordinating phone calling trees with the Stephen Ministers, the Member Care committee, and the Council members to reach out to those who need care or a personal connection. You can call the office or leave a message for a call back as well. The office number is 608-846-4718. Stay safe, and stay connected.