



**"My sheep hear my  
voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me."**

**John 10:27, ESV**



**✝ Sunday, May 11, 2025 ✝**  
**✝ Fourth Sunday after Easter ✝**  
**✝ Traditional Service – 8:30 am ✝**

## **Welcome in Jesus' Name**

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration form in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert.

## **Holy Communion**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

## **To Our Guests**

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

## **Restrooms**

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

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*Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Marilyn McMullan for blessings received and in memory of Irma Zuniga by the Zuniga family and Irma Quiroz.*

## Prelude: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Dale Wood

### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn - The King of Love

LSB #709



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, 1821-77  
Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.  
Text and tune: Public domain

*Please Stand*

## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** **Your Word is truth.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
**C** **O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
- L** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**
- L** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
**C** **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**
- L** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.  
**C** **And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**
- L** I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.  
**C** **Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.**
- L** The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not be in want.  
**C** **Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord Hear my voice!**

## Confession of Sins

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**L** Holy and gracious God,

**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

**L** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest in His peace and continue to serve Him.

**C** **Amen.**

## Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You this day so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working mightily in us to Your glory and for our salvation. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy on Your Church and deliver it from all danger and adversities. By Your Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen all who are in affliction or distress, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

*Acts 20:17-35*

**A** Unfortunately, these are not comforting words. However, they are necessary to remind us to remain vigilant and on guard against those who would lead us astray. These words of Paul remind us that we need to have a solid knowledge of God's Word, so that we can tell the true proclaimers from the false ones. Our First Reading is from Acts chapter 20:

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Revelation 7:9-17*

**A** What a glorious day it will be to stand with all the people of God and worship Him. I can only imagine what that will be like. Yet, John gives us some small glimpses through Revelation. Our second reading is from Revelation chapter 7:

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“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.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

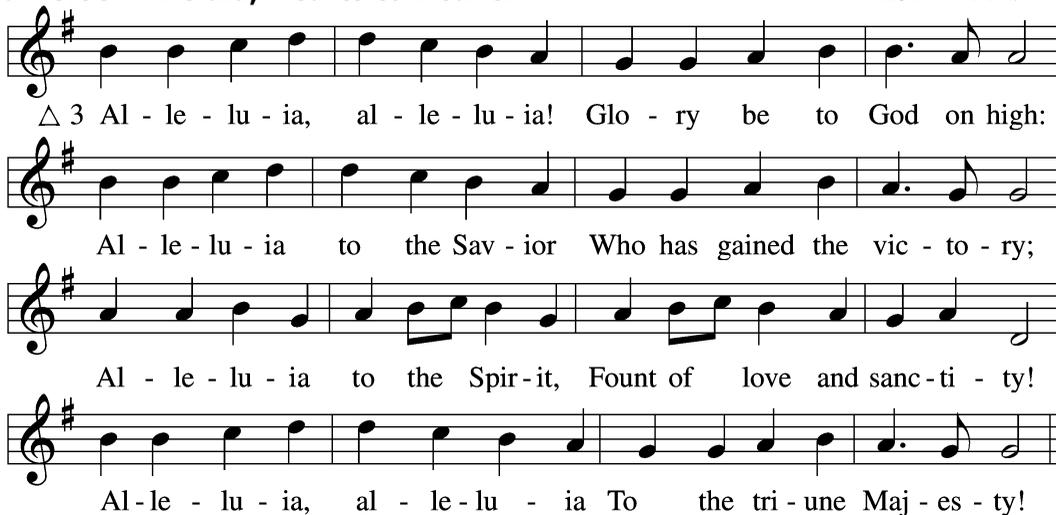
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## Alleluia Verse - Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

LSB #477 st. 3



△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85  
Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867  
Text and tune: Public domain

## Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

**L** When Jesus calls do you listen? Do you recognize His voice? This morning, we hear as Jesus encounters people that do not, and He plainly tells them that they are not of His fold. Yet, for those that trust and believe in Him, we will always hear His voice! Faith comes through hearing, and hearing is Jesus Christ. The Holy Gospel is from John chapter 10:

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Ten Commandments**

**L** As we remember God's guidance for our lives, let us refresh our souls as we join in reading the Ten Commandments:

**C** You shall have no other gods.

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**L** Let us now confess our Christian Faith with the words of the 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.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon Hymn - I am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB #740



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.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig  
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## Sermon

## Offering: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" by Wayne Kerr

*Please Stand*

## Offertory - We Give Thee

LSB #781 st. 1



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97  
Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-89  
Text and tune: Public domain

## Versicles

- L** Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;
- C** **hear me and answer me.**
- L** Evening, morning, and noon
- C** **I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**
- L** Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;
- C** **He will never let the righteous fall.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Prayer

- L** Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
  
- L** Lord God, Shepherd of souls, Your apostle Paul promised that fierce opposition and twisted speech would come against Your Church, even from within her own fold. Raise up faithful men to pastor Your flock through these threats, and grant that they would not shrink from proclaiming the kingdom of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those we know and now name in our hearts. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord of all the living, You shepherd Your saints through the gate of death, out of all tribulation, to the very throne room of heaven. Bless those who grieve and give them eyes of faith to see the deaths they mourn in light of the resurrection of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us through Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Lord, enthroned in heaven, You gather Your saints into the shelter of Your presence, washing their sins and cleansing them through the blood of the Lamb. Keep us faithful throughout our lives here, and bring us through death to join them in the ceaseless praises of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, You promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice, know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your arms forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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**L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Morning Prayer

**L** Let us join in praying:

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Blessing

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn - Water, Blood, and Spirit

LSB #597



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness  
2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied, All our sins that  
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of  
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged  
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing  
Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried  
death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us  
sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing  
its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.  
Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.  
With His bod - y and His blood.  
Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.  
Life has come, with life for all.

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## The Dismissal

- P** Christ is Risen!
- C** He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: "Processional in G major" by Phil Lehenbauer**

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✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

✠9:30 am – Sunday School / 9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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