



**"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 ✝
✝ Praise Service – 10:30 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 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th 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.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

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 by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please Stand

Opening Song

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed up, on it, mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone

(Chorus)

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

O, to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

(Chorus)

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:

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And 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, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now,

behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But 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. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay 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. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And 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. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In 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:

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵“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.

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

¹⁷For 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

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:

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So 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.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told
you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear
witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my
flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I
give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them
out of my hand. ²⁹My 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. ³⁰I and the Father
are one.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer

L Let us pray.

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your
commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts.
Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and
Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in
love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a
godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that
has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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 Song

Amazing Grace, My Chains

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

(Chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

(Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Sermon

Offering

Please Stand

Offertory

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks

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 Song

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

(Chorus)

Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise,

Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever

(Chorus)

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 by Mark and Phil

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We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes, we fear planning a future gift to ministry, worried that we might need to use that resource before the Lord calls us home. We can construct a plan for the future yet be free to use those resources today if needed. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can explain. Contact Tony Hunt 260-222-1291 or tony.hunt@lfnd.org

Opportunities at Shepherd of the Coast

✠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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