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Saint Paul

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Sunday Worship // *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Pastor Joel Gawrisch

Welcome // Introduction // Call to Worship

Call to Worship

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4 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.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Opening Praise // The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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♪ **1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.**

♪ **2 Where streams of living water flow,
My Savior gently leads me;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feeds me.**

♪ **5 You spread a table in my sight,
A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight;
My cup is overflowing!**

Prayer of Confession

P(astor): Almighty God, Praise is due to you from all your creatures, for your works display your attributes and fulfill all your designs. You are the King of Kings, and at your will, empires rise and fall;

C(ongregation): You sit above the circle of the earth and govern all things according to your will and for your glory.

P: Yet you are also a kind and loving Shepherd, carrying us in your heart and gently leading us through green pastures and painful valleys. You are powerful and full of compassion for your weak sheep, and we thank you for stooping to care for us with tenderness.

C: We are a small flock of your people, and as you call us to live together in peace, we know that we will fall short of your commands.

P: Holy Spirit, do not let pride swell up in our hearts. Humble us when we sin, and lead us to Christ. There, may we find the comfort of the gospel. We have a great advocate to calm our fears and a perfect Lamb who has died in our place. We have a reconciled Father, a powerful

Shepherd, a compassionate friend, and a Savior who is willing and able to save us to the uttermost.

In the name of the Chief Shepherd, we bring to you our private confessions.

(a pause for personal confession)

**♪ 3 Confused and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

Forgiveness of Sins

P: We have good news! We have a God who yearns to show compassion:

The Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him! (Isaiah 30:18)

Our Shepherd calls for us:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

We are no longer lost sheep, our path has been set by our Lord Jesus Christ, “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:14)

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. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 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. 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

**♪ 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.**

♪ **6 And so through all the length of days**
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

Kids' Message

God's Word - First Lesson // Acts 20:28-32 ESV

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. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 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.

God's Word - Epistle Lesson // 1 John 4:1-6 ESV

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Verse of the Day // 1 Peter 5:4

Alleluia "When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away." Alleluia

God's Word - Gospel Lesson // John 10:11-18 ESV

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 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. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 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. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Hymn of the Day // Jesus The Shepherd Of My Soul

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**♪ 1 Jesus the shepherd of my soul, all of my needs supplies
By living waters gives me rest, keeping me by His side
Bringing my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways
Leading me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace**

**♪ 2 Jesus the shepherd of my soul when in the valley deep
Death like a shadow hides my way, still You are leading me
I will not fear the darkest hour, faithful You will remain
Comforting with Your rod and staff, driving my fears away**

**♪ 3 Jesus the shepherd of my soul, keeping me from all harm
Ever until He leads me home, safely into His arms
When I behold Him face to face, then I will look and see
Goodness and mercy from His hand surely have followed me**

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Sermon Message // The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding - Acts 20:28-32

Profession of Faith // 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Supper // Examination before Communion

P: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

All: Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.

P: How do you know this?

All: I know this from the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

All: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

P: In whom, then, do you trust?

All: I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ, the Shepherd of my soul.

P: Who is Jesus Christ?

C: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, true God and true man.

P: What has Christ done for you that you trust in him?

All: He died for me and shed his blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

P: How do you know this?

All: I know this from the holy gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

P: Which are those words?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: We pray, O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember Your gracious sacrifice in history, Your presence with us now, and Your coming again at the end of time. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Supper // Examination before Communion

P: And now may this body and blood of our Savior Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto life eternal. Amen.

Offering // Blessing

Closing Praise // Shepherd

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♪ **1 Though I walk through the valley
And I can't see the way
When the shadows surround me
I will not be afraid**

♪ **2 For I know You are with me
You will always provide**

**Though the path may be lonely
You will stay by my side**

**♪ Pre-Chorus
I will rest my soul
I'll trust in You alone**

**♪ Chorus
For the Lord my Shepherd leads me leads me
And He is all I need
In the darkest valley I know I know
My shepherd is all I need**

**♪ 3 Lord I know that You seek me
When I'm trying to hide
And Your love it pursues me
All the days of my life**

♪ Chorus

**♪ Bridge
I rest my soul
 I rest my soul
in You alone
 in You alone
You light my way
 You light my way
You lead me on
 You lead me on**

♪ Chorus