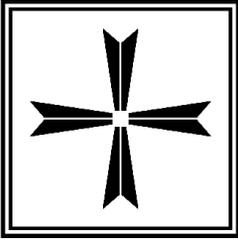


I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2, 2014*



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



Today Jesus' words about himself remind us that he is more to us than a good example to follow. As our shepherd, he certainly leads us in the right path. However, his work as our shepherd included much more. Our best efforts to follow him would still result in us falling prey to the attacks of our enemy. And so Jesus came to lay down his life for us, that is, in our place and on our behalf. Because he gave up his life for us, we are forever safe from our foes. To all who are defenseless against the attacks of the devil Jesus says: I am the good shepherd.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

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 him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.

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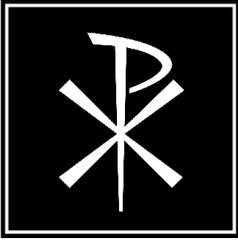
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA

GREETING

~PLEASE STAND

(L)eader: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

(C)ongregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD ~ "GLORIA IN EXCELSIS"

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Refrain

The musical notation is for a refrain in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the words 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and'. The second staff contains the melody for the words 'peace to his peo - ple on earth.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second staff.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.
2. We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.
4. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship.

L: 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 him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~PLEASE BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 17:34-37 (PG. 447)

The shepherd protects his sheep from all who would destroy them.

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 23

SHEPHERD OF MY HEART

The good shepherd feeds, leads, and protects his sheep.

*My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want; green are the pastures where I'm led to repose. Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul. I am led onward in ways true to the Name. **Refrain.***

*If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness no evil shall I fear with God at my side. There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort; you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes. **Refrain.***

*You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing; goodness and kindness crown the days of my life. Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever; within the house of God my soul is at rest. **Refrain.***

Refrain

Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the
 dark, in-to ev-er-last-ing, day. Show me the way of truth and
 light; keep me al-ways in your sight. May my life nev-er
 part from the shep-herd of my heart.

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:19-25 (PG. 1889)

*The good shepherd
laid down his life for
sheep going astray.*

¹⁹ For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

my • sheep • LISTEN • TO
my VOICE
I • KNOW • THEM • AND • THEY
follow me

VERSE OF THE DAY

JOHN 10:11

REFRAIN

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al -
 le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

L: Refrain.

C: Refrain

L: I am the Good Shepherd.

C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

L: I know my sheep, and they know me.

C: Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia!

C: Refrain.

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11-18 (PG. 1666)

~PLEASE STAND

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

The good shepherd lays down his life to protect the sheep from the wolf.

After the Gospel, the congregation responds:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

SERMON

JOHN 10:11-18

HYMN

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*CHRIST, THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE**~PLEASE STAND*

Christ, our good and faith - ful - Shep - herd, Watch - ing all your
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the - gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 Nev - er - fail - ing vi - gil keep. When we stray, Good
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us - home;
 Lamb of - God, our Shep - herd keep - us; Let us - hear your
 voice a - lone.

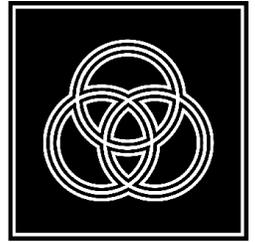
APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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



*Public confession is
faith's response to
God's saving Word.*

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love
in Christ, we offer
him our first and
best gifts, purely out
of thanks to him.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

~PLEASE STAND

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the renewal of the Church, that the heavenly Father would make all the baptized joyful witnesses of the Savior's resurrection victory, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

*The Lord invites our
prayers and asks that
Christians pray for
many people and
circumstances.*

L: For an end to abortion in our land and that our nation might again come to value every life from conception to natural death as a priceless gift of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all who do not know the Good Shepherd, that they be brought to saving faith and come to experience with us the joy of living under His watchful eye, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the lonely, the afflicted, those in prison, those persecuted for the faith and all the sick [*special prayers may follow*], that the Holy Spirit comfort them and grant them strength and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all who pass through the valley of the shadow of death, that in the companionship of their Good Shepherd and in the confidence of His victory over death and the grave, they may fear no ill, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the faithful who have gone before us and who dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore, let us give thanks and praise. That we may together with them look forward to the joy of our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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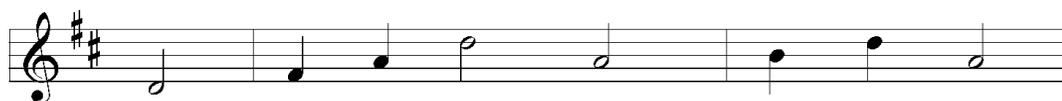
THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD



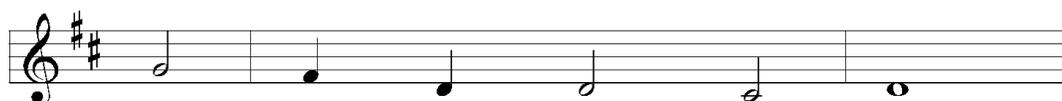
1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



He makes me down to lie
 And me to walk doth make
 Yet will I fear no ill;
 In pre - sence of my foes;
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,
 For thou art with me, and thy rod
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.
 E'en for his own name's sake.
 And staff me com - fort still.
 And my cup o - ver - flows.
 My dwell - ing place shall be.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,
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PRAYER

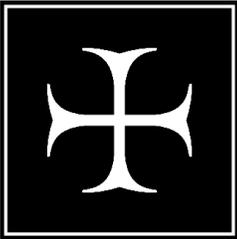
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L: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C: Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.



BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

~PLEASE BE SEATED

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

CLOSING HYMN

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JESUS, SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP





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