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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
Tri Church Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

All: Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

"You Are Holy"

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing alleluia in the highest!
Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia to our God!

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GREETING

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

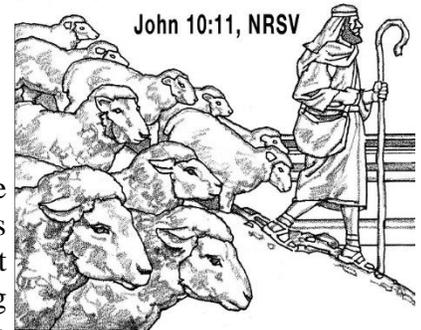
All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God we come to worship you. Awaken us to your presence and love. Come Creator, Come Savior, Come Holy Spirit. Turn our heart and lives to you. Shape our lives and communities with your love.

All: Amen.

**The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.**



WORD

READING

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

SONG

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am his
 and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
 my ransomed soul he leadeth
 and, where the verdant pastures grow,
 with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 but yet in love he sought me,
 and on his shoulder gently laid,
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 thy rod and staff my comfort still;
 thy cross before 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.

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Music: Irish tune

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READING

1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GREETINGS FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS (LSSI)

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18 (NRSV)

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

MESSAGE

Mark Stutrud,

President & CEO of LSSI

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,

to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & PEACE

2021 Tri Church Confirmation Class

God we give you thanks for all these things...

God we thank you for farmers, sunshine, food, teachers, friends, family, God being there when I or other people need Him, thankful for good weather, for health care workers, for clean water, for pets, parents, St. John's, St. Paul and Immanuel, dance and sports, for LOMC, for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, for everything God, thank you. We pray for the church, for those in need and for all of God's creation...for your help for those with mental illness, for the safety of our children, that everybody will be feed, and world peace, help people sick with the virus, good health for everyone, we pray for people that have died from the COVID, to be with the police and public servants, that you help those who cannot help themselves, for forgiveness, for those who help other people and animals, for more vaccines, for my two family members with COVID, we pray for good opportunities in life, we ask that our military would be safe, finish their mission and come home to their families, O God we pray for all of these things, we pray for Lutheran Social Services in Illinois, for all whom they serve, God we pray that you would grow all of us and help us to follow as you lead.

And all of God's people said, Amen.

The peace of Christ is with you always! Enjoy it and share it!

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

P: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my

blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to taste and see that the Lord is Good! Come, eat and be satisfied.

COMMUNION

Body of Christ, given in love for you.

Blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Wellspring of joy,

All: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.

- 3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

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DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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