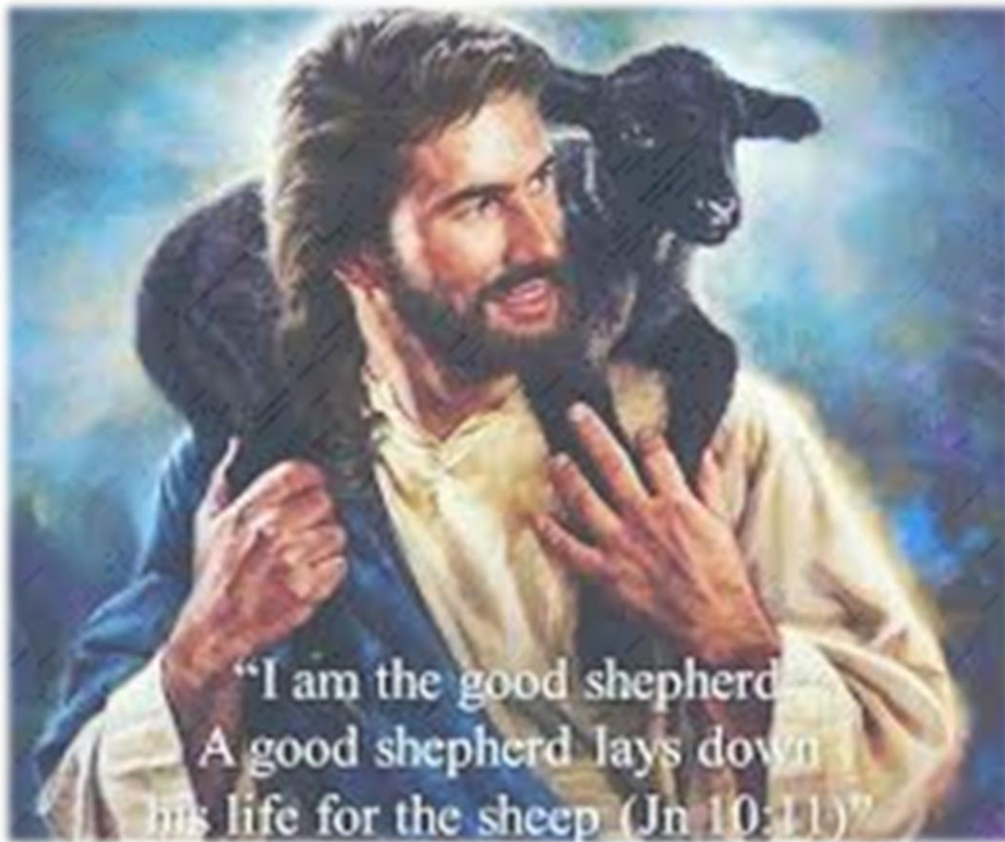


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*Sunday, May 3, 2020*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Good Shepherd Sunday*

**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

**THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

**OPENING HYMN: #354** "Lamb of God, We Fall Before You"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ojih5qFDkMk>

## 354

## Lamb of God, We Fall before You



1 Lamb of God, we fall be - fore you, Hum - bly  
 2 Je - sus is the per - fect Sav - ior, On - ly  
 3 Je - sus gives us true re - pent - ance By his  
 4 Faith he grants us to be - lieve it, Grate - ful  
 5 Je - sus gives us pure af - fec - tions, Wills to



trust - ing in your cross. Our great joy is to a -  
 source of all that's good; Ev - 'ry grace and ev - 'ry  
 Spir - it sent from heav'n, Whis - pers this as - sur - ing  
 hearts his love to prize; Want we wis - dom? He must  
 do what he re - quires, Makes us fol - low his di -



dore you; All things else are on - ly dross.  
 fa - vor Come to us through Je - sus' blood.  
 sen - tence, "All your sins are now for - giv'n."  
 give it, Hear - ing ears and see - ing eyes.  
 rec - tions, And what he com - mands, in - spires.

6 All our prayers and all our praises,  
 Rightly offered in his name—  
 He that asks for them is Jesus;  
 He that answers is the same.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712–68, alt.

Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

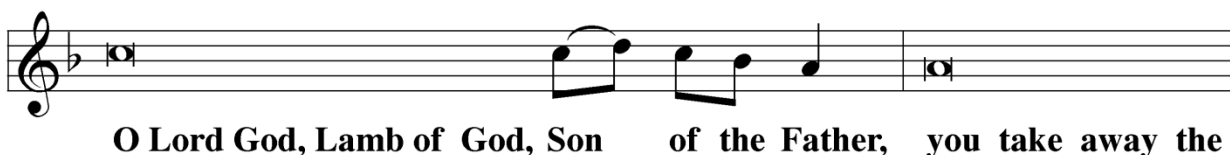
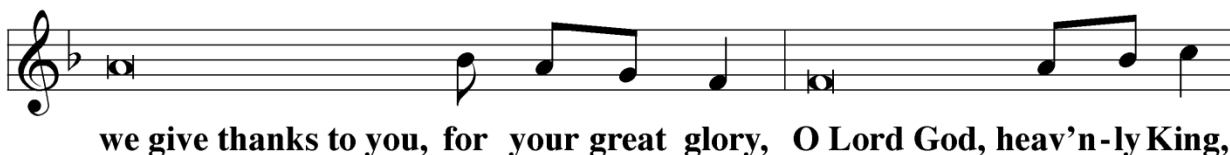
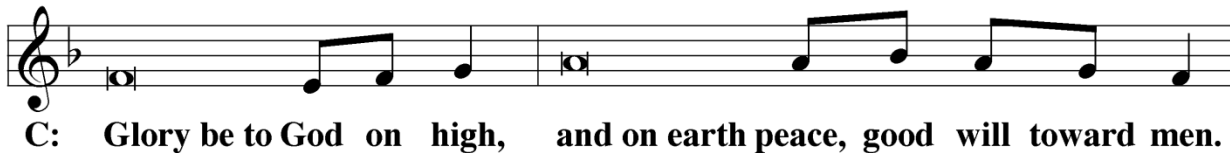
C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** 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:** A - men.



## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

**6** Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables."<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and

of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>2</sup> And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. <sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23**

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*Refrain*



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

*Psalm tone*



The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;\*  
he guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

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. ***Refrain***

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my  
enemies.\*

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10

**10** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.<sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #375** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d50KE9jMVWY> (Use words below)

**375 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

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!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.  
 Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

**SERMON**

## PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## OFFERING

### OFFERING ANTHEM: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

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1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and swordbringer  
Of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
Stripped of might upon the cross.  
Shining in eternal glory,  
Beggared by a soldier's toss.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are both gift and cost.

3 You, who walk each day beside us,  
Sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
Have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry!  
Worthy still your peace and strife!  
You, the everlasting instant;  
You, who are our death and life.

### ***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER SEASON***

This prayer is found on page 126 of Christian Worship.

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation,  
you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd,  
who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.



## THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

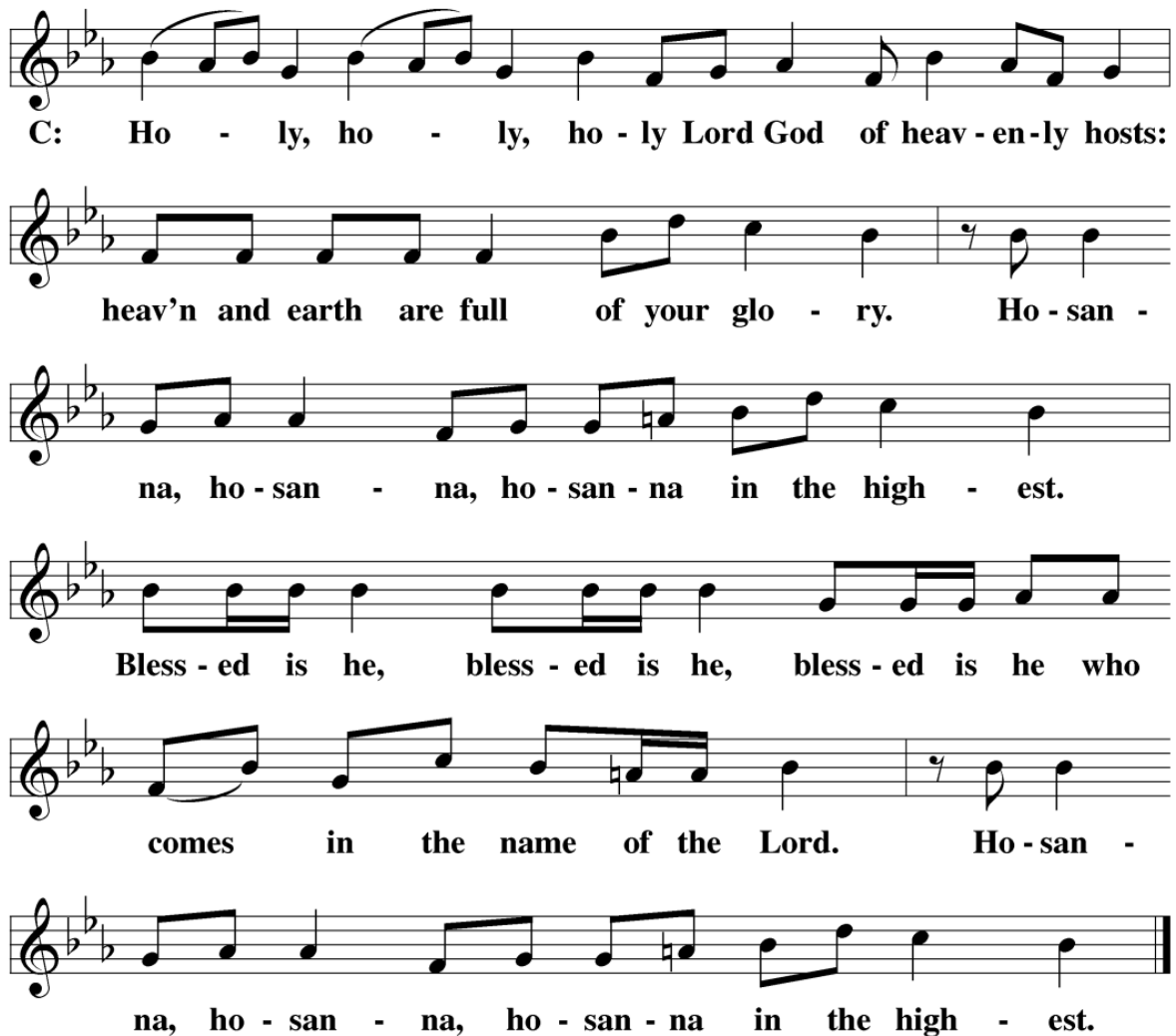
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** 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 the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**CWS #766** "The Lord's My Shepherd"

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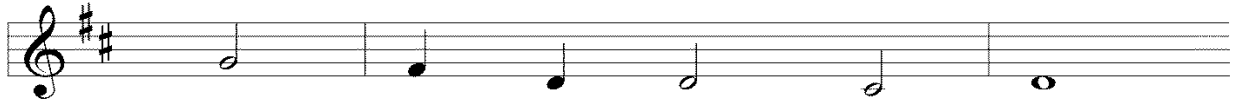
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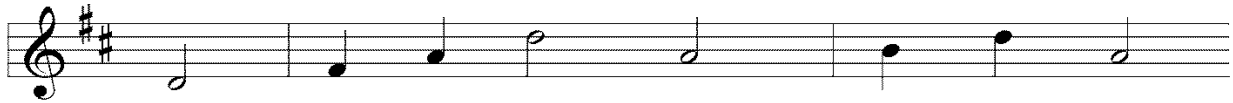
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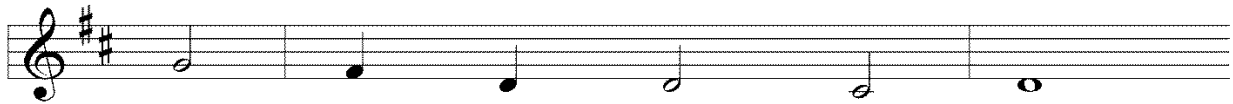
1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



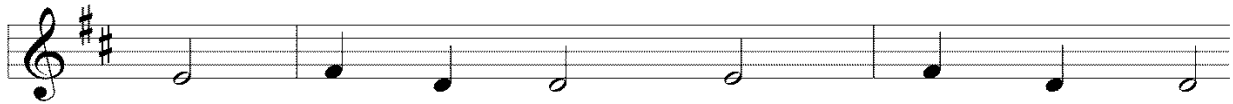
He makes me down to lie  
 And me to walk doth make  
 Yet will I fear no ill;  
 In pre - sence of my foes;  
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



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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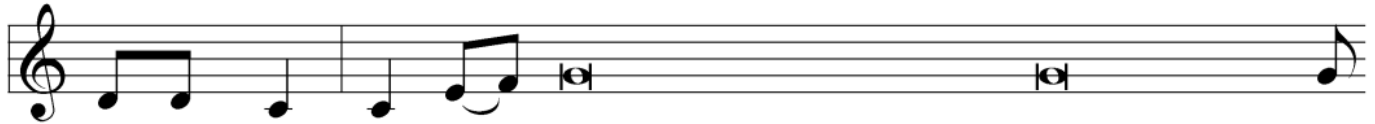
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# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

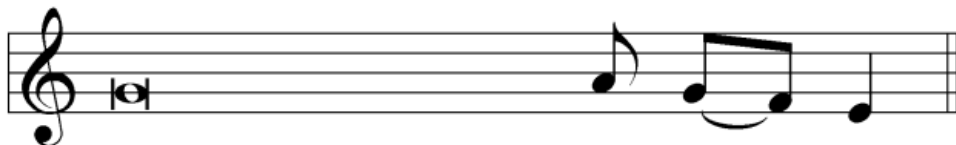


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

- Sunday - 8:00 AM – Noon Private Communion Services
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board of Education and Stewardship Zoom Meeting
- 8:00 PM Church Council Zoom Meeting
- Sunday - 8:00 AM – Noon Private Communion Services

**Please Note:** In light of the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Divine Service, and to abide with the social distancing requirements, and the Christian's desire to be fed with God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, I am available to serve you spiritually as you desire.

I will offer Confession and Absolution, Scripture reading, prayer, and Lord's Supper and Benediction {basically a condensed service} this Sunday from 8:00 AM through Noon to any interested individuals and/or families who want to come.

The abbreviated service will be held in the sanctuary. If you arrive and a service is in session, please disperse yourselves out in sanctuary, taking the time for personal prayer and meditation on the Word.

**Also Note:** The bulletin and sermon links will also be emailed to you. I will record my sermon as I have for the past number of weeks. It will be posted on our website, splp.org. for your meditation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Zoom Online Bible Study, 10 AM Wednesdays**

We continue our study of 2 Samuel. Some have had trouble joining the Bible study because of connection issues, so we are going to try a different approach. If you would like to be included in the study, contact Pastor Schaefer ([peschaef5@gmail.com](mailto:peschaef5@gmail.com) or text (734-658-5735) before the study; then a Zoom invite will be sent to you at 9:45 AM Wednesday which may make it easier to join the Bible study. Take note: You **must** use the free Zoom app to facilitate joining. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Schaefer soon.

### **From the Board of Trustees**

You may have noticed that our steeple bells are no longer ringing on the hour; this is because the mechanical automatic control is not functioning properly. The Board of Trustees will be working with a contractor to install a digital control, which will be more flexible and easier to use than the old system. If you would like to contribute funds to this project, please speak to Nils Peterson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees or to Pastor Schaefer. Your help would be much appreciated to bring back the sound of the bells to the neighborhood, to the glory of God.



**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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