

APRIL 30, 2023 | *Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter)*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

The risen Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Certainly, the image of Jesus as Shepherd and His people as His sheep is familiar to many. Yet how often do we stop to appreciate the love of our Good Shepherd? Today we are reminded that what makes true shepherds in God's kingdom are their relationship to Christ, the Good Shepherd, who is the only gate for the sheep. We follow in His footsteps, even if it means suffering for doing good.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Matins, found on p. 32ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Rod Meves; Monday Night: Daniel Lindquist

Ushers on Duty

Brian Busse, Jason Diestler, Harmen Van Kampen

Altar Guild

Donna Carter & Linda Koch

The Order of Matins

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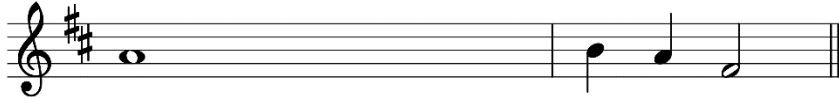
OPENING HYMN

Savior, Who Thy Flock Art Feeding | 631

VERSICLES

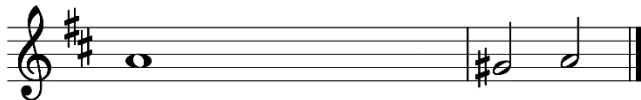
Psalm 51:15; 70:1

M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

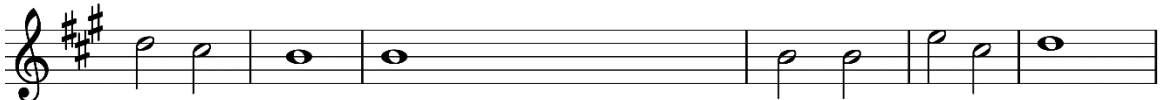
M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and _____ to _____ the



Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

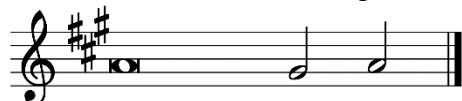


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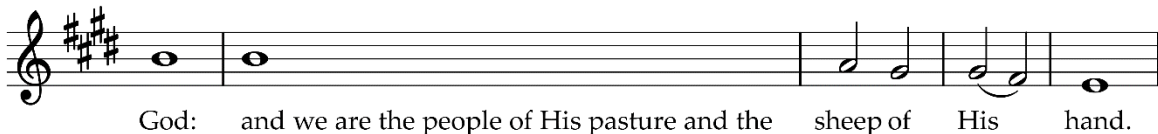
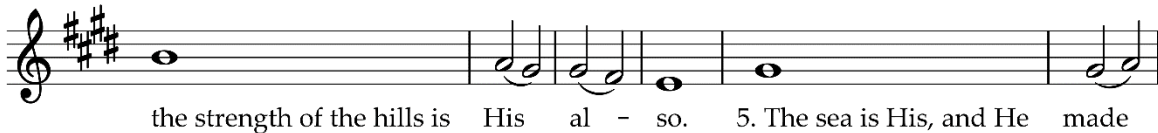
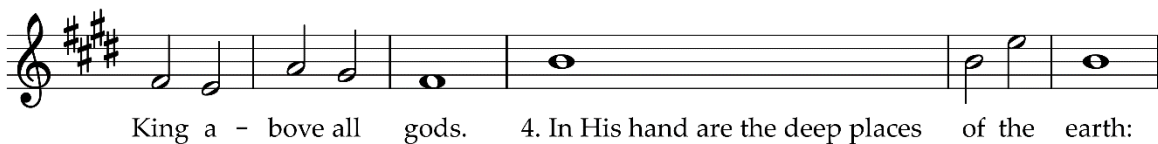
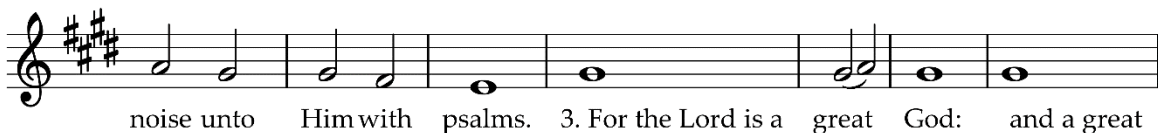
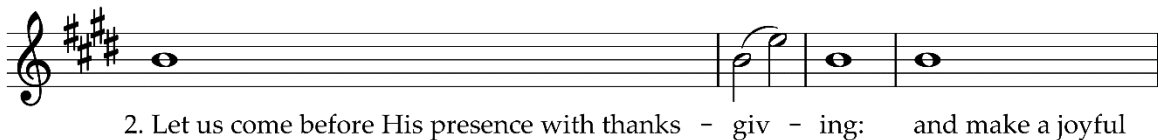
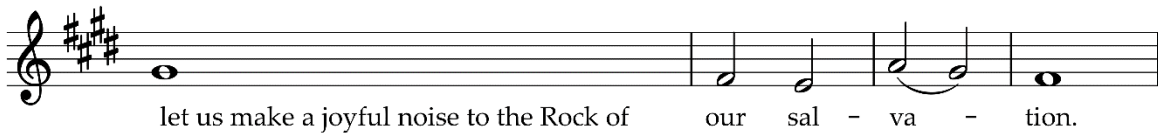
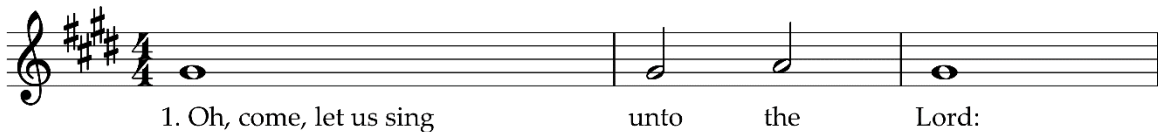
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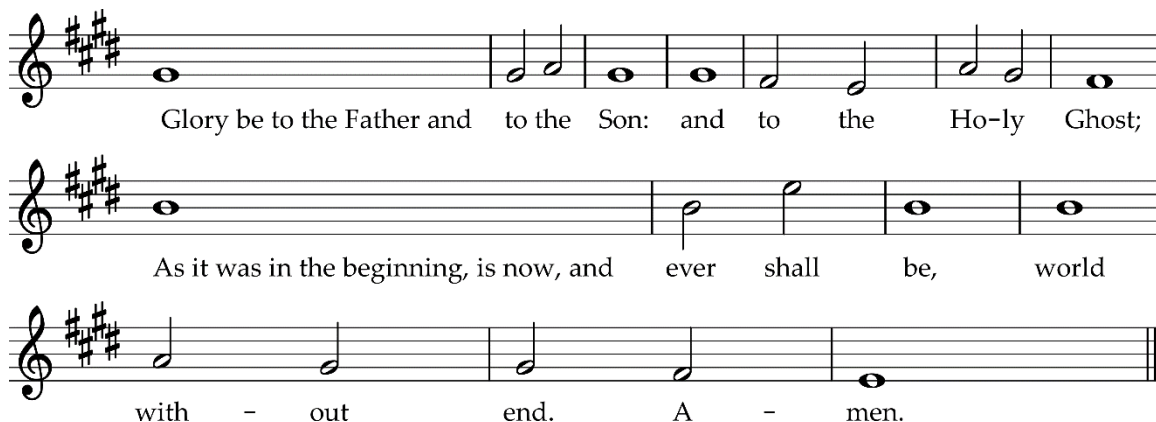
“O Come, Let Us Sing” – Psalm 95:1-7

M: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



C: For He is our Mak - er.





You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

M: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

M: He restores my soul;

C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

M: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

M: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

M: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 6:1-9; 7:2a; 51-60

Stephen bears faithful witness to Christ.

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³ "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴ "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, ⁶ whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. ⁷ Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

⁹ Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen...

^{7:2} And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: ... ⁵¹ " You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, ⁵³ "who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."

⁵⁴ When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:19-25 *Follow the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls!*

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:1-10

The Good Shepherd is the Door for the Sheep

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

You may be seated.

CHOIR

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want | 436

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Follow in Your Shepherd's Footsteps

1. They lead to our eternal salvation.
2. They leave an example for us.

THE OFFERING

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

God, We Praise You



1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'-reign
2. True a - pos - tles, faith-ful proph - ets, Saints who set their world a -
3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er - last - ing Son of
4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will judge the world You



Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,
blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one
God, Hum - ble was Your Vir - gin Moth - er, Hard the
made; Lord, in mer - cy help Your ser - vants For whose



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your
grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con -
lone - ly path You trod: By Your cross is sin de -
free - dom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to



glo - ry; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing,
fess - es One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther,
feat - ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face, Heav - en
glo - ry; Guard us from all sin to - day. King en -



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
o - pened to be - liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
throned a - bove all prais - es, Save Your peo - ple, God, we pray.

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE KYRIE ("LORD, HAVE MERCY") & THE LORD'S PRAYER



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Your Son is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep. Grant that He would ever lead us to the still waters of Your life-giving Word, that we may abide in Your house forevermore. Having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

M: Bless we the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Now May He Who from the Dead | 51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS – This Sunday's altar flowers were given by Jerry & Sandy VanderHeyden in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary. If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to Sandy VanderHeyden for serving treats after church today. If you'd like to donate and serve refreshments on Sunday mornings during our fellowship time, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

DONATIONS FOR BAY AREA LIFE CENTER - CTK Women on a Mission is gathering donations for the Bay Area Life Center. Would you consider helping our efforts? In the tote at the back of the church, you can give new or gently used clothing (Newborn to 5T), new socks and underwear (up to 3T), or diapers (size Newborn to 6). The greatest need is sizes 2T to 5T and diapers sized 3-6. You may also give a monetary donation by writing a check to Christ the King (or place cash) into an offering envelope. Simply write your name and "Bay Area Life Center" on the front of the envelope and place into the offering. We appreciate your donations between now and Mother's Day. Thank you!

"CREATED"—LYA 2023 – The 2023 LYA Youth Convention will be held at Bethany Lutheran College from Thursday, July 27 – Sunday, July 30. Early Registration is February 15-June 1 at a cost of \$250/person. Late registration (after June 1) will cost \$300/person. Open to confirmed youth. If interested, talk to Pastor Van Kampen.

"HELLO, SUNSHINE!"—CAMP RISE 2023 – Camp Rise is an ELS-sponsored youth camp for those who have completed grades 4-9. Where? Camp Luwisomo, Wild Rose, Wisconsin. When? July 9-14. Cost? \$390 if registered by April 15 (Save \$30!); \$420 if registered by May 15. Enjoy Bible study, swimming, boating, crafts, group activities, campfire singing, and more! Find more details and register at www.CampRise.org or email Pastor Abrahamson at pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org for more information. (Scholarship funds are available; contact Pastor Abrahamson for more details.)

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (4/30)

Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Oral Examination, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

Divine Service, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m.

Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.

Board of Elders, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (5/7)

Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran
Church gives all praise
and thanks to the Triune
God for His grace received
through Word and
Sacrament **by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ**
with the people of this
community and the world.*