

May 3, 2020  
Worship Service

# Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool



**Equipping God's people for a ministry of  
discipleship through Christ.**

Worship Times: Parking Lot Worship at 9:00am  
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**† AS WE GATHER †**

“Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure.” These poetic words of a favorite hymn, written in the 1600s by Sigismund von Birken, have a special meaning for us each day. Although the author intended that his hymn about following the example of Jesus be sung in the Lenten season, when there is a focus on themes of sacrifice and self-giving, the words fit equally well during the Easter season. But even as joyous and victorious as Easter is, it still has its challenges, including many kinds of suffering. There are no times when we are exempted from taking up our crosses and following the Lord. The Good Shepherd stands ready in every season to lead His flock with loving care!

**BE THOUGHTFUL + BE REVERENT**

*Before the Service: **Speak to God***

*During the Service: **Let God speak to you***

*After the Service: **Speak to one another***

**✕ We Come into God’s Presence ✕**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME!**

**OPENING HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”**      LSB 710

- 1        The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;  
          He makes me down to lie  
          In pastures green; He leadeth me  
          The quiet waters by.
  
- 2        My soul He doth restore again  
          And me to walk doth make  
          Within the paths of righteousness,  
          E’en for His own name’s sake.
  
- 3        Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,  
          Yet will I fear no ill;  
          For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
          And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

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## INVOCATION

**L:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 95:1, 7*

**L:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**C:** **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**L:** For He is our God,

**C:** **and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Micah 6:6-8*

**L:** Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.

**C:** **With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?**

**L:** Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

**C:** **Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?**

**L:** Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

**C:** **the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**

- L:** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
- C:** **Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may follow where He leads until that time when we, by His grace, come to dwell in Your house forever.**
- L:** God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. 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.
- C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE    “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven    LSB 477**

- 1     Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
      Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
      For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
      Now is risen from the dead.
- 2     Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
      Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow’rs of evil  
      In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
      Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer,  
      Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

✠ **We Hear God's Word** ✠

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47** (*The life of the first Christians*)

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25** (*The example of Christ, who suffered for us.*)

<sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.  
(NIV)

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10** (*Jesus is the gate of the sheep.*)

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through

me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB 709**

- 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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## **SERMON: Psalm 23, “The Good Shepherd”**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L:** Let us pray.

We pray for the whole Church, that through it the goodness of God and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for our families as we follow the Good Shepherd, that we may be as one flock in which all dwell together in love and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness... Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** For the members of our congregation and especially for the Ashley, Lavern & Daveen, Travis and Jerry & Ronda families, that the Spirit might fill them and empower them to share the love of Jesus with others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Inspire us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## **OFFERING**

*(We realize the Covid crisis has created many economic hardships, as well as opportunities. Our Lord invites us to offer back to Him a portion of what He has given so the work of the Gospel might continue and grow. The bills still need to be paid, but we give as we are blessed, in thanksgiving and grateful praise. If you can't give, God bless you, and if you have needs let us know how we may help.)*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

- L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers*  
*6:24-26*
- C:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

- 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

4      Early let us seek Your favor,  
          Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
          With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
          You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
          You have loved us, love us still.

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## *In Our Prayers...*

Please take a moment to review our prayer list for any additions or deletions that should be made and let Jess know. Names will be published on the prayer list for 2 weeks before being removed, unless a request is made to keep the name on for a specified length of time. Thank you.

### **Members of Faith Lutheran**

*Medical Concerns:* Glo Livingston, Betty Folz, Don Leadbetter, Lisa Davis

*Ongoing Medical Concerns:* Marty Burik, Jan Burik, Yvonne Knight, Dick Gall, Arlie Hildebrandt, Lila Conner, Donna Gall, Leroy Hildebrandt, Marlene Switzer, Marilyn Zimmerman, Emma Hird, Xander Daniel, Sharon Schultze, Doris King, Gene Beauchamp

### **Friends of Faith Lutheran**

*Medical Concerns:* Cecil and Darlene Frieden

*Ongoing Medical Concerns:* Hudson Inglehart, Terry Foltz, Nick Breidenbach, Kim Roadruck, Chuck Paugh, Vernon Wolz, Peggy Castleberry, Joshua Berr, Max Herrick, Lexi Krueger

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### **Members & Friends Currently Serving in the Military**

*Please let us know if individuals are no longer serving or are currently serving and not listed.*

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| Jacoby Roeser  |                     |                   |                      |

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**Our Mission:** To equip people for a ministry of discipleship through Christ.

#### **Our Vision:**

To provide opportunities for people (those within and those outside of Faith's Family) to develop meaningful relationships with Christ and with one another, as well as to equip them for Christian Discipleship.

#### **Our Strategy:**

Sharing the Faith through evangelism and outreach ministries; improving the quality of life through service opportunities; cultivating unity with one another through fellowship; nurturing through instruction in the faith; celebrating through praise, prayer and worship.

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