

Blended Service
May 4, 2020
St. Johns Lutheran Church
Park Rapids, Minnesota

The Opening Song

“Glorious Day”

The Invocation and Confession

Based on Psalm 23

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

C: Amen.

P: Many of us love the Twenty-Third Psalm. We say it prayerfully in seasons of sorrow; recite its comforting words in periods of uncertainty; rehearse the assurance it offers for times of trial; But today we will let its words guide us in a time of confession.

P: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: Am I content trusting that God is providing everything I need or am I always wanting more?

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

C: Does my life show that in the waters of Baptism God poured out His promise of life to me, that His word can calm me and that Christ is my peace?

P: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C: Would I be comfortable and even proud to have Jesus walking along with me everywhere I go?

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff – they comfort me.

C: Then why am I always looking elsewhere for comfort and protection? Why do I have so many fears?

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Do I desire to be at His table, where He is both the Shepherd and the sacrificial lamb? Do I trust that He is blessing me to overflowing with His grace?

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

C: Am I confident that God goes with me, confident that I will live with God forever?

P: We confess together:

C: Good Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and invite us to rest in Your grace. Forgive us for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Amen.

P: The Good Shepherd has laid down His life for the sheep who love to stray.

C: By His wounds we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

P: “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name.” That Word is now proclaimed to you. By Jesus’ death and through His resurrection your sins have been forgiven – life and salvation are yours. The peace of Christ is with you!

Luke 24:46-47

C: Amen! The Lord is our Shepherd! Alleluia!

The Psalm

Psalm 95

P: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

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

P: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

C: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

P: For the Lord is a great God,

C: And a great King above all gods.

P: In His hand are the depths of the earth;

C: The heights of the mountains are His also.

P: The sea is His, for He made it,

C: And His hands formed the dry land.

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

P: For He is our God,

C: And we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

The Song of Response

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
LSB 709

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Take Heart” - Matt Kaufenberg

The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Song

“He Knows My Name”

The Sermon

“Reality Check”

John 10:1-10

The Confession of Faith

Drawn from 1 Corinthians 15

C: We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins; He was buried and He was raised to life on the third day. These things were spoken about by the Old Testament prophets. After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His followers at different times, including showing Himself alive to 500 of them at one time.

We believe that death came into the world because of the sin of a man – Adam. We believe that the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man – Jesus Christ. Because we’re sinners, like Adam, death comes to us, but Jesus will make us alive again.

In the resurrection, God will give us bodies as He sees fit. We know that our resurrected bodies will be glorious, imperishable and immortal just like the resurrected body of our Savior Jesus Christ.

All this will happen in a flash and in the twinkling of an eye when Jesus returns again with the trumpet blast. And then death will be swallowed up in victory!

Until that happens we will stand firm in this resurrection hope and we will do whatever God calls us to do because the resurrection gives our life purpose. Amen.

The Offering; The Prayers; The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Blessing

from 1 Peter 1

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

P: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

P: God has claimed us as His own.

C: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope ☩ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

C: Amen!

The Closing Song

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” LSB 735