



Lutheran Church & Christian School



5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

This morning, we continue our four-week series on one of the most beloved verses from the Bible, the 23rd Psalm. Each week we delve deeply into the language of this beloved prayer, to (re)discover God's grace, mercy and peace, and to rejoice in the work of Jesus our Shepherd. Today, the theme is "Paths and Shadows," rejoicing that not only does our Good Shepherd lead us on "paths and righteousness," even when those paths bring us to the steep ravines of despair and death, Jesus also walked those paths removing all need of fear and doubt. Welcome to worship, and the ever widening vistas of God's grace, set before us for His name's sake, and the joy of our faith.

PRELUDE

PRESERVICE SONG "Lord, I Need You" (*Words & Music by Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher © 2011 sixsteps Music | Sweater Weather Music | Thankyou Music | Valley Of Songs*)

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

*Refrain: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour, I need You
 My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more; where grace is found is where You are,
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Righteousness is Christ in me. (*Refrain*)

*Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way,
 And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
 Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

Refrain

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Blessed Jesus at Your Word”

LSB 904, St. 1-3

For this, and all subsequent hymns, please see the PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.

INVOCATION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.
Congregation: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; He restores my soul.
Congregation: **Return to the Lord ... that times of refreshing may come. (Acts 3:19-20)**

Pastor: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
Congregation: **We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)**

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
Congregation: **In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)**

Pastor: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Congregation: **Jesus said, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOD’S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Silence for private confession and reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God:

Congregation: We confess that like wayward sheep, we have often turned away from You. In our speaking, thinking, and doing, we have sinned, failing to heed our Shepherd's voice. In Your mercy, deliver us from the death we deserve, and grant to us the life we do not, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd.

Pastor: Jesus was given over for our sins, but raised for our justification.

Congregation: In Him we have been raised from the dead.

Pastor: If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in you, then He who raised Christ from death will also give you life. Arise, therefore, your sins are forgiven you, in Jesus' name. You are free to live in the name of your Shepherd and Savior.

Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE VERSE

Pastor: I am the Good Shepherd, I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Congregation: We are Your people, O Lord, the sheep of Your pasture.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904, St. 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you came into the world to be our Savior, laying down Your life for us. In times of distress or fear, surround us with Your loving care. Comfort and restore hope through your Word. Especially during our walks through valleys of darkness and despair, keep us close to You and Your gifts. For You have conquered all things hurtful. Your victory is our victory. Hear our prayer, mighty Shepherd, and accept our praise.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

FIRST READING *Isaiah 53:4-7 (The Shepherd gives His life for His sheep.)*

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to His own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet He opened not His mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so He opened not His mouth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE READING *Hebrews 13:20-21 (Equipped by the Good Shepherd.)*

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE “Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive”

[TUNE: *LSB 609*]

Jesus sinners doth receive; oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live and from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray no true shepherd e’er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In his arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

READING OF THE GOSPEL John 10:14-18 (*“I Am the Good Shepherd.”*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] 14 I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, 15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLE’S CREED

Please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.

SERMON HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

LSB 710, St. 1-3

SERMON

Notes:

PETITIONS AND PRAISES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Good Shepherd,
Congregation: **Keep us safe in Your care in all of the circumstances of our life.**

Pastor: When we are worried and afraid,
Congregation: **comfort us with your Word.**

Pastor Give us opportunities for love and service to others
Congregation: **so that we, walking in your righteous paths, will bring glory and honor to your holy name.**

Pastor: When our last hour comes,
Congregation: **walk with us through the shadowed valley of death to life in the light of your presence forever.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Finally, enable us to use wisely and well all the resources You graciously bestow upon us. Direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world, and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.

OFFERING

For those desiring to leave an offering, an offering plate will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. You may leave your offering as you depart this morning's worship.

OFFERTORY

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

Congregation: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with the women at the tomb, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



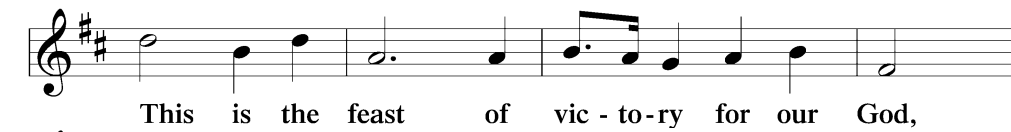
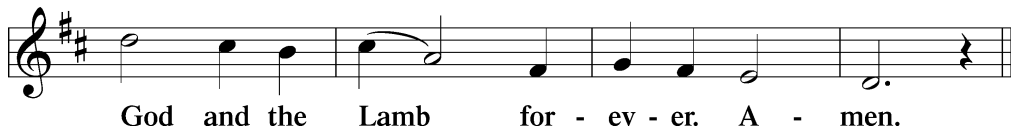
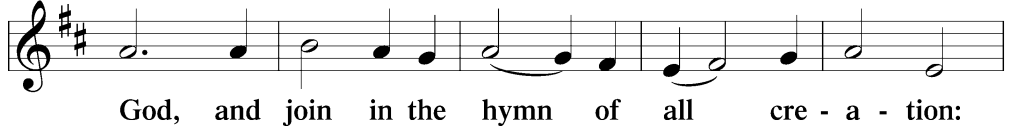
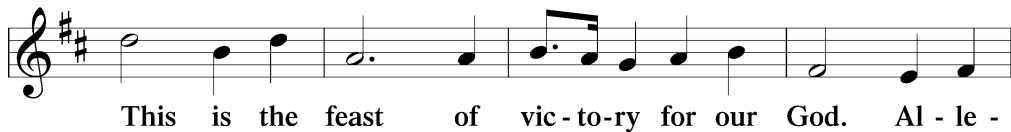
A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Congregation: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Please see PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

LSB 962

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

For those desiring to receive the LORD'S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER *Luke 15:4-5*

Pastor: Now what man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

Congregation: **And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders rejoicing.**

Pastor: O risen Lord, at Your table we have touched Your body which was crucified for us. It is enough for faith that peace may come. By the strength of this food make us bold to go and do as You inspire. You are Lord forevermore.

Congregation: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21, adapted*

Pastor: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us that which is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709, St. 1, 3-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 923, St. 1

♪ On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is thine alone to make it sprout and grow.

Do thou in grace the harvest raise, and thou alone shalt have the praise! ♪

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,

Congregation: **We are rejoicing in Jesus.**

Acknowledgments:

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Trinity Calendar for May 7—May 14, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion <i>Voters' Meeting (Postponed until May 21)</i>
Monday	6:30 pm	Executive Team Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study: <i>"Gospel of John"</i>
	5:00 pm	Women's Bible Study <i>"Fruits of the Spirit"</i>
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
	4:30 am	Music Team Meeting
	5:00 pm	TCS Early Childhood Family Night
	5:30 pm	TLC "PLI Catalyst Event" w/ Meal
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
	5:30 pm	NLSA Orientation Meeting
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The God's Have Returned"</i>
	9:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

***Please note that the Voters' Meeting has been postponed until May 21.**

ATTENDANCE 4-30: 66

Families of the week: *The Whitney, the Wilks and the Wilder families*

Birthdays:

- 7 May—Diana Dresser
- 7 May—Elisha Harkey
- 8 May—Susan Hoffmann
- 10 May—Anna Lawson

Anniversaries:

- 12 May—Alex & Shenna Paju



The flowers this morning are given by
Hannah Harkey in celebration of Elisha Harkey's Birthday.



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The annual Baby Bottle Blessing is coming up on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023. There will be bottles available on that morning for you to take, pray over and make your donation to The PRC. There will be hand outs and information available about The Center. We pray for a successful fund raiser, one of several as the year moves forward. This campaign ends, Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2023. If you have questions, need more information you may contact me, Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at helensillanpaa82@gmail.com or 603 355 7939.



The LWML Convention is in Milwaukee in June. Eileen will be attending and taking all the items that we have made to distribute to the different Ministries. The next 2 LWML work days, May 13 & June 10, 9:00 am, will be in the Fellowship Hall to tie the blankets. Also, remember to bring in your mites.

Thank you.



We have expended our Capital Improvement Funds. We are in need of replenishing the bucket. We need the funds to complete

the new Network project. And in light of the continued violence against schools and businesses in the past few months especially, we also NEED to make improvements to our Safety and Security Systems. This is a critical need. If you feel led to contribute to the upgrading and continuation of these projects, please place your contributions in one of the small manila envelopes on the Narthex Table labeled "Capital Improvements" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Larry Miller or Miriam Harkey. Thank you for all your prayers, concern and care. You are much appreciated and a vital part to the ongoing Ministry here at Trinity. Thank you so much.

Trinity Christian School News

Hannaford Helps Schools! NOW THROUGH MAY 27, 2023

Do you shop at Hannaford? If so, please consider donating your Hannaford School Dollars to support Trinity Christian School! New this year is a downloadable App and an online Redemption Hub in addition to the School Dollars Tower you are used to seeing in the store, which makes it so much easier to donate. Flyers on the Narthex back table.



Trinity Christian School PTFA will be hosting a 5K run on June 3. To view the details and support the cause individually or corporately, there are copies on the Narthex Table. See Miriam

if you need more. Thank you from the PTFA for considering supporting this cause, which helps to fund many purchases and events for the school, the teachers and the students.

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