

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

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Do you hear the
Shepherd's voice?



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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. 4 Yea, 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Welcome to all . . . Whether a person experiences happiness or hardship in this life depends upon the identity of his master. Thanks be to God for the grace which enables the Christian to lie down in safety "in green pastures." Thanks be to Christ, our Master, Who "leads" us "in the paths of righteousness for His Name’s sake." We welcome all in the name of the Great Shepherd of the sheep. May all who are here today or viewing the service on the internet hear the voice of His Word and recognize Him by faith as their living and loving Master, Who has already laid down His life for the sheep!

A RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:6-7

- P** O 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, and the sheep of His hand.**

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #12 v.1-3 “This Day at Thy Creating Word”

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **♪ A - - - men.**

P Pastor
C Congregation

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

- P** Peace be with you! Behold, He was dead and is alive forevermore; and He holds the keys of Hades and of Death.
- C** **If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.**
- P** Wash your robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- C** **Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned against You and against one another, by thought, word, and deed.**

- P** We have not loved You with our whole heart;
C We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
PC For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Hymn: TLH #190 v.7

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

**Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed Christ, today Thy people feed;
 Take our sins and guilt away That we all may sing for aye; Hallelujah!**

- P** Peace to you! In the name of our risen Savior, and my His command, I
 Announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!
C Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed!
PC Thanks be to Christ, my Lord and my God!

Hymn: TLH #199 v.4

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia”

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all ye hea’nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, You have given such great and precious
 promises to those who believe in Your Son. So grant us grace to perfectly
 hear His voice in His Word, that our faith may be strengthened, our
 doubts and fears removed, and we may finally persevere and follow our
 Good Shepherd unto the eternal life in heaven which He has prepared for
 us, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit – One God forever!
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 40:6-11 The voice said, “Cry out!”
 And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like
 the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the
 breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. 8 The grass
 withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” 9 O Zion,
 You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You
 who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not
 afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” 10 Behold, the Lord God
 shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His
 reward is with Him, And His work before Him. 11 He will feed His flock like a
 shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His
 bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 8:29-39 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed*

P What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death; That I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from death, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: TLH #436

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

SERMON – John 10:22-30 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch. 24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. 30 I and My Father are one.”

DO YOU HEAR THE SHEPHERD’S VOICE?

OFFERTORY

- C** *♩* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #528 v. 1,14,15

“If God Himself Be for Me”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2

“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”

- C** *♩* Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** *♩* Amen, amen, a – men.

✠ **Announcements** ✠

Last Week: WH – 41 Bible Class – 22 **Total Offering** = \$3,431.10

General = \$2526.35 | Prop. Imp. = \$55 | Missions = \$50 | ILC Sch = \$50 | Benev. = \$100

Pastor Fossum: Pastor Fossum will be leaving today, but he will be returning to do Bible Class and preach for the Sunday, May 29 service. He will be conducting Bible Class Sunday, June 5 as well as the communion service.

May 15: May 15 will be Promotion Sunday where the school children will be singing during the service and will be promoted to the next grade level.

May 17: Tuesday, May 17 will be the End of the Year Program for the school. The children will be performing some plays. Come and see the talented actors we have at our school. Bring a snack or drink to share. Thank you for supporting our school.

Call News Teacher Graduate, Kendra Rodebaugh, has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. + Seminary Graduate, Zachary Sippert, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, and to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has accepted the call to teach pre-school part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Pastor John Hein, Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran has received the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA.

Cleaner (5/14): Bernthal | **Acolyte (5/15):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 9-14, '22

Mon Acts 13:26-33 In the synagogue of Pisidian Antioch Paul is invited to speak. This, his first recorded sermon, is addressed to Israelites and others who fear God. He begins with a history of God's chosen people, leading to the promised Savior, Jesus. Then he shows how God Word was fulfilled, even through those in Jerusalem who were not trying to fulfill God's promises. What sinful man tries to do is overruled by God's raising Jesus from the dead, and the Psalm is fulfilled anew!

- ✠ **May 8:** Orlando Service 8am
WH 10:15am
- ✠ **May 15:** WH 10:15am
Promotion Sunday
- ✠ **May 15:** Church Council
- ✠ **May 17:** End of the Year
Program at school
- ✠ **May 18:** Final day of school
- ✠ **May 22:** Orlando Service 8am
WH 10:15 am

Tues John 10:22-26 The Jews come asking for a statement from Jesus, implying that He has given them nothing to believe. In fact, Jesus has spoken clearly and His deeds, done in the name of God the Father, also testify that He is the Christ of God. It is not words or deeds that the Jews lack, but faith. Lord, open our ears to the voice of the Shepherd who laid down His life for us and took it up again.

Wed Revelation 7:09-12 After sealing the exact number of the servants of God so that no one can pluck them from His hand, another vision shows these servants to be a great multitude from every nation. They are dressed in white and say: "Salvation belongs to our God!" Let us seek it from no one but Him. Then hail, ye mighty legions, yes, All hail! Now safe and blest for aye, And praise the Lord, who with His Word Sustained you on the way.

Thurs Acts 13:34-39 Paul applies the promise of "no corruption" (Ps. 16:10) to Jesus, for David's body was buried and decayed. Our forgiveness is enduring because it comes from one who was buried but saw no decay. Now He lives forever, as does our forgiveness and peace with God. What the Law of Moses could not do, God has done in Christ! Hallelujah!

Fri John 10:27-30 Jesus' sheep do two things: hear His voice and follow Him, but those things do not make them His sheep. It is the Father who has given those sheep to Him, and who holds them in the palm of His hand. It is the Good Shepherd who gives life, preserves life forever, and protects that life from any who would snatch them away from the Triune God.

Sat Revelation 7:13-17 John's vision would not downplay what these happy ones in white robes have come through. It was tribulation, great tribulation. But the Good Shepherd has brought them safely home! Through His own cleansing blood He has made them clean, acceptable to God. Now they serve Him, and there is no more tribulation! He will lead them to springs of living water and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Call Letter From Pastor John Hein

Dear members of Immanuel,

Greetings, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This past Sunday, May 1, I received oral notice from John Kuehne that I have the Divine call to serve as pastor in your midst. He emailed me the official call letter and information in timely and most helpful fashion.

Considering the two calls that I have — the one to Immanuel and the one to Grace, here in Fridley, MN — will be a challenging and humbling task. Certainly there are many factors to take into consideration as I compare the needs of each of these flocks which steadfastly remain under the Divine care

of our Good Shepherd. Therefore, I earnestly ask you to keep my call deliberations in your prayers so that the Holy Spirit will guide me to where our Triune God desires me to be His undershepherd.

Should you desire to give me constructive Christian counsel, you may correspond with me (john.p.hein@gmail.com/ cell 612-408-1635). I hope you share my confidence and prayer that the Triune LORD will lead me to do His good will pleasure. Even more so, may the Good News of salvation continue to prosper as it is preached!

Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

In service to our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor John Hein