



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Babbtown (Meta 8 am)
Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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Good Shepherd Sunday
May 11, 2025



Order of Worship: Printed below
 with P for Pastor, C for Congregation

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The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #428 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
 Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
 For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
 Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
 Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever And for all. Amen.**

The Invocation

P: Christ is risen. C: **He is risen indeed.**

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Jesus is the Good Shepherd C: **And we are His sheep.**

P: He laid down His life for our sins and rose again from the dead;

C: **So that we might have eternal life.**

P: Will you now confess your sins?

C: **Yes, we will confess our sins.**

ALL: O Lord, we confess that our lives are still filled with sin, even though we know better and try harder. Forgive us the sins we know; forgive us for those which we do not realize. Help us to strive to do Your will. Renew us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask in Your great mercy and for the sake of our Good Shepherd, Jesus.

P: God, for the sake of our Shepherd, Jesus, has indeed forgiven our sins and I, in His stead and by His command, announce the forgiveness to you, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Twenty-Third Psalm *(spoken together)*

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

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

He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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.

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

You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn: TLH #436 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

**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.**

**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.**

**Yea, tho' 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.**

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

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

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Special Music: "Psalm 23" (Schubert)

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



The Apostles' Creed *(spoken together)*

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 on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall 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.

Sermon Hymn: TLH #648 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest. Amen.**

Sermon – "Being Led By Christ!" - Psalm 23

1. Christ leads me and I have everything I need
2. There are times when our life is peaceful
3. Sometimes the "right" path is difficult in this world
4. Our Shepherd is with us in pain and in death
5. God's Word of grace in Jesus is our strength
6. When we are with Him, we fear no enemy
7. We are God's chosen guests
8. Jesus is our Shepherd at every age and stage of life
9. He is leading us to his "house" for eternity

Hymn: TLH #572 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" *(The offerings are received during the hymn)*

**Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let Thy praise our tongues employ.
All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

All the plenty summer pours; Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores;
Flocks that whiten all the plain; Yellow sheaves of ripened grain --
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss, and public wealth,
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, True religion's holier beams.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our day: Praise to God, immortal praise. Amen.

The Prayers (Each petition ends:)

P: We trust you to hear and lead us;

C: Jesus my Good Shepherd, You give me everything I need.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: TLH #625 "Oh, Blest the House"

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there, How dark and poor and void it were!

Oh, blest that house where faith ye find And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost! May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Blest such a house; it prospers well, In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word, I and my house will serve the Lord. Amen.

TLH #518 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

If thou but suffer God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.

Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.

God knows full well when times of gladness Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware And makes thee own His loving care.

Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to everything.

All are alike before the Highest; 'Tis easy to our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word, though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed. Amen.

The Thanksgiving

The Benediction

Closing Hymn: TLH #628 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth Thro' devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant King, We come Thy name to sing
And here our children bring To join Thy praise.

Thou art our holy Lord, O all-subduing Word, Healer of strife.
Thou didst Thyself abase That from sin's deep disgrace
Thou mightest save our race, And give us life.

Thou art the great High Priest; Thou hast prepared the feast Of holy love:
And in our mortal pain, None call on Thee in vain;
Help Thou dost not disdain, Help from above.

Ever be Thou our Guide, Our Shepherd and our Pride, Our Staff and Song;
Jesus, Thou Christ of God, By Thine enduring Word,
Lead us where Thou hast trod, Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die, Sound we Thy praises high, And joyful sing;
Infants and the glad throng, Who to Thy church belong,
Unite to swell the song To Christ, our King. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn # 428: Scripture: Acts 2:38; I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Author: Frances R. Havergal (1874); Tune: Stephanos;
Composer: Johann Cruger (1653).

Hymn #436: Scripture: Psalm 23; The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want; Author Francis Rous, et al (1658); Tune: Belmont;
Composer: William Gardiner (1812).

Hymn # 648: Scripture: John 21:15; Weil ich Jesu Schafflein Bin; I Am Jesus' Little Lamb; Author: Henriette L. von Hayn
(1778); Translation: Composite; Tune: Weil ich Jesu Schafflein bin; Source: "Bilder Choral-Buch," 1784.

Hymn #572: Text: Hebrews 3:17-18; Praise To God, Immortal Praise; Author: Anna L. Barbauld (1722. cento, alt.); Tune: Dix;
Composer: Konrad Kocher (1838).

Hymn #625: Wohl einem haus, da Jesus Christ; Author: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil; Tr, vs. 1,2,4 5., Catherine Winkworth; Tr.,
vs. 3, Unknown; Wo Gott zum Haus; Source: "Geistlich Lieder," Wittenberg, 1535.

Hymn #518: Scripture: Psalm 55:22; Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten; If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee; Author:
Georg Neumark (1640); Translator: Catherine Winkworth, (1863, alt.); Tune: Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, O Herr;
Composer: Georg Neumark, 1640.

Hymn # 628: Scripture: Isaiah 40:11; Στόμον πώλων ἀβων; Shepherd Of The Tender Youth; Author: Clement of
Alexandria (c. 200, asc.); Translator: Henry W. Dexter (1846); Tune: Olivet; Composer: Lowell Mason (1832).

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