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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thank you for worshipping with us at Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Here are a few suggestions to maximize your online worship experience:

- ❖ Participate! Stand, sit, read and sing where appropriate throughout the service.
- ❖ Remove distractions. Turn off your cell phone and remove other distractions from your worship area.
- ❖ Check In to Northdale Lutheran Church on Facebook. Let others know you have chosen to worship God through this turmoil.
- ❖ Check in with other members. Send a message to someone you would normally talk to at Church and see how they are coping. Social distancing doesn't mean we stop caring about other people.
- ❖ Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



WORSHIP THEME

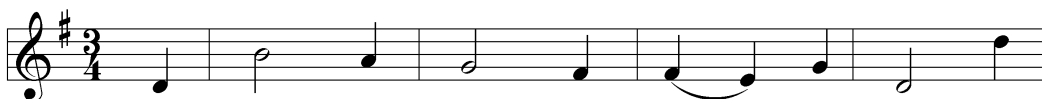
On Good Shepherd Sunday we see how sharp the contrast is between true shepherds and false shepherds. All is determined by their relationship to Christ, the only gate for the sheep.

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIS SERVICE OFFERS THE CONGREGATION A FORM OF WORSHIP THAT FOCUSES ON THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD. BELIEVERS RESPOND TO THIS DIVINE GIFT WITH PRAYER, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING.

OPENING HYMN, CW #360, "THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.
Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M(inister): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

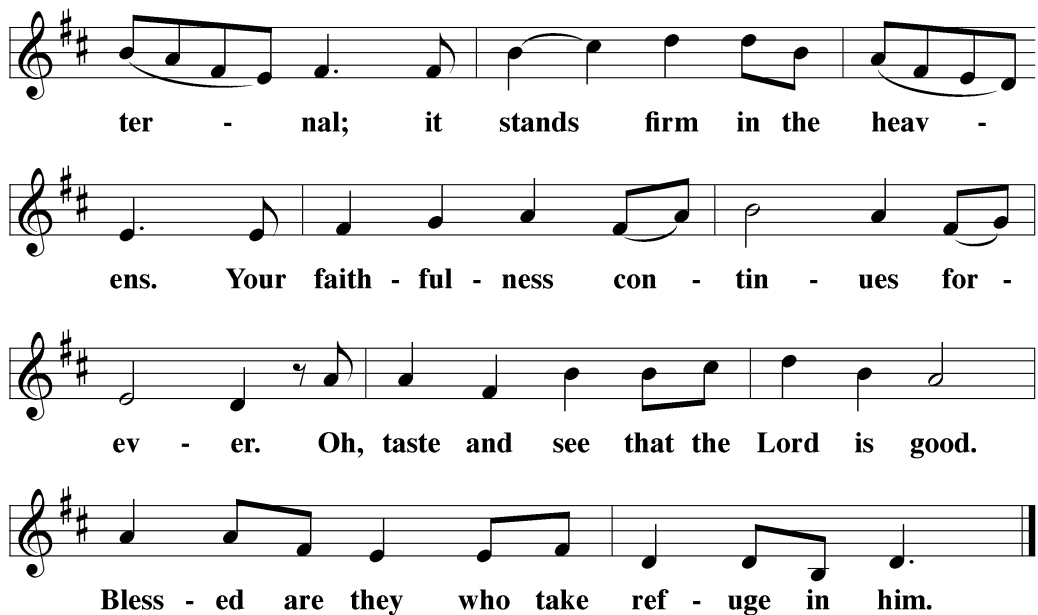
SONG OF PRAISE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 6:1-9, 7:2A, 51-60

Note the sharp contrast between true shepherds and false shepherds. The apostles' care for Christ and his Church leads them to raise up more leaders to serve.

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.

To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me!

"You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵²Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him

*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual

⁵³you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

⁵⁴When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

PSALM OF THE DAY, *PSALM 23*

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



Refrain

The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even 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.

Refrain

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

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:19-25

Peter reminds us that not even suffering and tragedy can remove us from the care of our Good Shepherd.

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But 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. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When 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. ²⁴“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.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:1-10

This Lesson serves as the Sermon Text for this morning.

“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON HYMN, CW #375, "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.
Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

SERMON TEXT: JOHN 10:1-10

SERMON THEME:

Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions. If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to mail your offerings to the church.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord our God, what great and wonderful blessings have been prepared for those who love and trust you.

C: Give us such love and trust that we, through your Son Jesus Christ, may obtain those glories which you have promised to your people by your faithful Word.

M: We thank you for the grace which sent Christ the Good Shepherd into the world to lay down his life for the sheep, to ransom us by his blood from the power of evil, to redeem us by his holy sufferings, and by his cross to liberate us from the fear and bondage of death.

C: We praise and bless you for his resurrection and the glorious promise that all who hear his voice and follow him shall, in the likeness of his resurrection, also be raised to eternal life.

M: Direct our path through the sin, strife and uncertainty of these times, O Lord. Grant us true faith and a godly heart.

C: Strengthen the sick, support the weak, supply the needy, and show yourself a very present help in every trouble.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M: And finally, when our last hour shall come, because our eyes have seen your salvation, let us depart in peace according to your Word, and receive us into everlasting glory, to be numbered with those wearing the white robes of holiness, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

BE SEATED

FINAL HYMN, CW #432, "I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



BE SEATED

Copies of today's sermon can be found on our website at www.northdalelutheran.org. We also e-mail out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please e-mail Pastor Vann at pastor@northdalelutheran.org and let him know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

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Announcements:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Currently because of the precautions concerning COVID-19, starting this morning we will be conducting Sunday morning Bible Class online through Google Meet starting at 10:15. At 10:15, you can enter this address in your menu bar (meet.google.com/ozg-oixf-pps) and you will be able to join in our Bible Study. I will also send this out via email and it will be posted in the Daily Devotions on our Facebook page so you will be able to access it there. It will be a little different from normal, but we hope it will be a great way for us to study God's Word together despite having to keep our distance from one another.

Camp South Registration Open: At this time, registration is now open for Camp South. They are planning to hold off any decision about Camp South until we get closer. The hope is that the bans will be lifted by this time. The Camp South Leadership has also been in contact with the FFA Camp who insures that they are doing everything possible to sterilize the cabins and facilities during this time. Camp South is a youth camp for all students entering grades 4-9. Camp South will be held July 22-26 in Covington, GA. Registration is \$295 per attendee. You can register at www.sadcamps.com.

Martin Luther College Matching Grant Program: Martin Luther College, our WELS College of Ministry, has designed a program to help congregations support and encourage their young people to study for the pastoral or teaching ministry. The matching grant program will match up to \$1,000 given by a congregation for each student. So if the congregation can raise \$1,000, the student will receive another \$1,000 from MLC for a total of \$2,000 in aid. The Ministry Leadership Team authorized a drive to raise \$1,000 in support of Tabitha Vannieuwenhoven who is attending Martin Luther College. So far, we have raised \$812.50! Thank you to those who have so generously given to this fund. If you are interested in helping to support Tabitha as she studies to be a teacher, you can place your checks in the offering plate and mark them: MLC Congregational Match. Thank you in advance for your support of this program. We at Northdale Lutheran have benefitted greatly from the pastors and teachers trained from Martin Luther College. This is a great way to support and encourage our own members to pursue this career.

Personal Communion: I am offering two time blocks for private communion this coming week. I will be available either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon for private communion. If you are interested, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AEA922ABFC1-personal>. If you want me to send you that by email, just let me know.

Pastor Vann Gone: Pastor Vann will be traveling with Elyse this coming Thursday through Saturday to clean out her dorm room at Luther Prep. Pastor will be back by mid-day on Saturday. Because he is traveling, he will not be offering communion for the next two weeks, just to be sure that he isn't carrying the virus.

Serving Today

Music: Chris Haring

Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: Amy Vann

Elder: David Mosakowski

Called Staff

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This Week:

Sunday (5/10): 9:00am - Online Worship
 10:15am – Online Bible Study

Financial Information

Contributions for 4/26/20: \$580.00

Contributions online though 4/26/20: \$2,664.00

Contributions budgeted: \$4,423.08

Contributions budgeted to date: \$190,192.44

Contributions received to date: \$198,871.18

Ahead or (Short) through 4/26/20: \$8,678.74

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$175.00

Total received to date: \$357,656.42

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through March 31

Total Income (Church and School): \$494,029.51

Total Expenses (Church and School): \$443,736.02

Ahead or (Short) Year to Date: \$50,293.02

Martin Luther College Congregational Partner Program

Goal to raise: \$1,000.00 by June 1

Gifts this week: \$0.00

Total Gifts received to date: \$812.50