

FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH



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“The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord”

The 3rd Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

and the

500th ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER’S TESTIMONY AT THE IMPERIAL DIET OF WORMS

Image: Office of the Holy Ministry by Edward Riojas. The shepherd’s crook is in the form of a cross, recalling Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the Redeemer, and the duty of pastors (‘shepherds’) to call sheep to repentance. The crossed keys symbolize the binding and loosing keys given to the disciples by Jesus on Easter Sunday (John 20:23). The Luther rose is pictured at the bottom.

WE LOVE LETTING KIDS BE WITH JESUS

Children learn the faith by watching those around them. Our service is for kids too. If we can help you in any way, let us know.

RESTROOMS & NURSERY

Restrooms are located downstairs for your convenience. We also offer a nursery wired with audio. If you need any further assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

MASKS

If you are medically able to do so and your conscience allows, we ask that you please wear a mask while inside. In all things, “Let us excuse [our neighbor], speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.” (8th Commandment Explanation)

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS MORNING

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (In 10:11–16) He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good

Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them. (Ezek 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your souls in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23) “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:21–25)

SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Jeff Hendrix
Organist:	Carol Korth
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ackerman

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ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE...



On April 17th, 1521, 500 years ago, Martin Luther was ordered by the Emperor Charles V to appear before an Imperial Diet of the Holy Roman Empire in the Imperial Free City of Worms. Earlier that year, Luther had been excommunicated by Pope Leo X, a culmination of events that started with Luther's publication of various manuscripts questioning official papal dogmas. In 1520, the pope issued the papal bull (an official pontifical edict), *Exsurge Domine*, threatening Luther with excommunication unless he recanted 41 statements from his various writings. Not only did Luther refuse, but he publicly burned the papal bull in December.

Thus, on January 3rd of 1521, the pope excommunicated Luther with the papal bull *Decet Romanum Pontificem*. The effect of this bull remains in force to this day. In response, the Emperor Charles ordered Luther to appear at Worms to recant or reaffirm his views. When Luther arrived at the Diet at 4:00 P.M. on April 17th, he believed he was entering a good-faith discourse on his teachings. But that was not to be the case. The spokesperson for the Emperor, Johann von Eck—who had previously made it his life's mission to stamp out what he perceived as Luther's manifest false teachings—instead read aloud a list of Luther's works and asked if he was prepared to renounce his heresies. Taken by surprise, Luther asked for time to give a more fitting answer. Thus, he retired until the following day, when he gave his now-famous speech, which ended:

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. [Here I stand, I can do no other.] May God help me. Amen.”

Because Frederick the Wise, Luther's prince, had arranged safe passage for his subject, Luther was allowed to leave the hearing. But fearing for Luther's safety, Frederick faked a highway attack and “kidnapped” Luther, hiding him at Wartburg Castle until the threat had passed.

The result of the Diet was the Edict of Worms, in which the Emperor ordered that Luther be apprehended and forbade anyone from coming to his defense or aid. It also banned the reading or possession of his written works. The episode provides a cautionary tale for Christians today about the dangers of governmental overreach in spiritual affairs. It also warns of the mortal and spiritual dangers that false leaders within the Church can have. While the papacy has never rescinded its excommunication of Luther or renounced its anathemas against the Gospel teaching of justification by faith alone, we must take care lest error rear its ugly head in our midst even today.

SERVICE OF PREPARATION



The first part of our service prepares our hearts to come before God. God forgives our sins and the theme for the day is set in the introit.

HYMN

Built on the Rock | 211 vv. 1, 6, 7

Christ and His Word are the foundation of the Church. This hymn paraphrases Jesus' Good Shepherd statement, "I know My own [sheep]; My own know Me."

INVOCATION & CONFESSION

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P ♪ In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P ♪ Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C ♪ Who made heav'n and earth

P ♪ I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;



C ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the

stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!


C Amen.

INTROIT

Antiphon: **Ps. 33:5-6; Ps.: Psalm 33:1, 18-20**




Antiphon:

P  The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. `Alleluia. /
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. `Alleluia!

Psalm:

Rejoice in the Lord, `O you righteous! /
For praise from the upright `is beautiful.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is on `those who fear Him, /
on those who hope `in His mercy.
To deliver `their soul from death, /
and to keep them a`live in famine.
Our soul `waits for the Lord; /
He is our `help and our shield.

Antiphon:

C  The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. `Alleluia. /
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. `Alleluia!



C  Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

KYRIE [*Lord, Have Mercy (Luke 18:39)*]



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *[Glory to God in the Highest (Luke 2:14)]*



P Glory be to God on high: **C** And on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise You, we bless You, we wor - ship You, we glorify You,



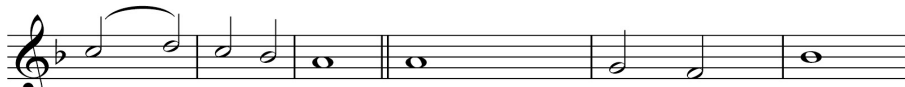
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,



heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



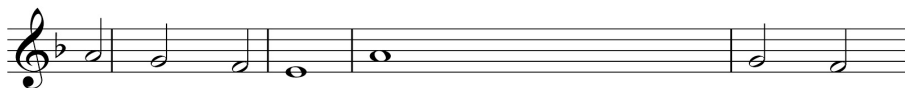
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world,



have mercy up - on us. You take away the sin of the world,



re - ceive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the



Father, have mercy up - on us. For You only are holy.




You on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly




Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P  The Lord be with you.



C  And with Your spir - it

P  Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, out of Your fatherly goodness You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd, not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd knows us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Our service builds towards the hearing of the Gospel. The lessons and even the chief hymn all reflect the theme of the Gospel.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹For this is what the Lord God says: I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and examine them carefully. ¹²As a shepherd examines his flock when he is with his sheep that have been scattered, so I will examine my flock and rescue them

from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. ¹⁴I will pasture them in good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will let them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them in justice.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

HYMN

I Know My Faith is Founded | 494 vv. 1, 2

As Luther confessed of Scripture, “here I stand,” so do we stand “unmoved ... on His sure Word” which is sufficient over against human wisdom. The Lord leads us and abides with us by this Word, defending against enemies as a Good Shepherd.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. ²²He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. ²³When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 24:35, John 10:14

From Quasimodogeniti (Easter 2) through the week following Pentecost, the Alleluia verse is lengthened.

P  Alleluia. Alleluia. Then was the Lord Jesus `known to them /
in the breaking of bread. `Alleluia.

I am the `good shepherd; /

and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. `Alleluia.

Please stand to sing:

C  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

C  **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

¹¹“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me ¹⁵(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

P The Gospel of the Lord!

C  **Praise be to You, O Christ!****NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

CHIEF HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | 370

SERMON “Watching Out for Wolves” (John 10:11-16)

Fitting for Good Shepherd Sunday, this hymn is a confession against those who attack Christian courage and an affirmation that God upholds His Word as trustworthy and true always.

Offering: Your offering can be placed in the plate in the back, or given online.

You are also encouraged to consider setting aside your first fruits to the Lord and scheduling a recurring offering at FaithLutheranOregon.com/OnlineGiving

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation. Each prayer ends with:

P ...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P ...one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



The third part of our service is the second high point of the service, and what everything has been building towards. Christ actually comes to us in His Body and Blood by which He cleanses us of our sins.

PREFACE

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P ♪ The Lord be with you.



C ♪ **And with your spir - it.**

P ♪ Lift up your hearts.



C ♪ **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

P ♪ Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C ♪ **It is good and right so to do.**

P ♪ 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...

...but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life . . .

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS [*Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)*]



♩ Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He who comes in the



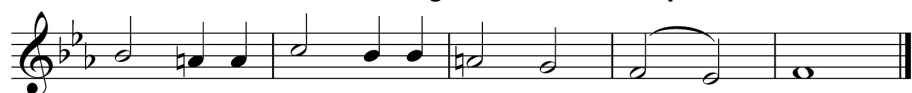
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P  Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P  The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C  Amen.

AGNUS DEI [*Lamb of God (John 1:29)*]



C O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,



have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,

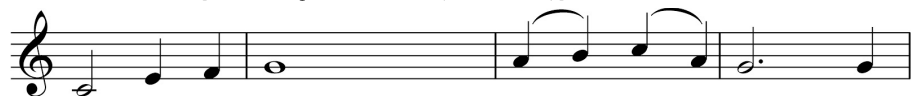


grant us Your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

- *Holy Communion is limited to communicant members of our fellowship, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand.*
- *Please space yourselves by family about 6' apart.*
- *You may receive Christ's blood in the common cup – it is sanitized with a purificator between each communicant.*

The sign of the cross may be made by all as you are dismissed from the Lord's Table in peace.

NUNC DIMITTIS [*Now Let Depart Your Servant (Luke 2:29-32)*]

C Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation,



which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a Light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple



Is - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the



Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

DISMISSAL, THANKSGIVING & SALUTATION

P ♪ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



C ♪ And His mercy en - dures for - ev - er


P Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever.

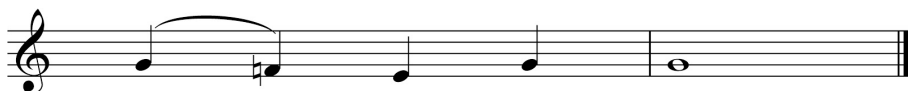
C  **Amen.**

P  The Lord be with you.



C  **And with your spir - it.**


P  Let us bless the Lord.



C  **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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 peace.



C  **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | 589

This hymn is a prayer Luther himself wrote for the protection of Christ's flock against the enemies of God's Word.

NEWS & NOTES

Easter Sunday	9:00am	Easter 3 Divine Service
	10:15am	Fellowship & Bible Study: 1 Corinthians
Thursday	3:40pm	Confirmation
	All Day	Individual Communion & Conf./Absolution available (<i>register online for a time</i>)
Sunday	9:00am	Easter 4 Divine Service
	10:15am	Fellowship & Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

SELF CARE FOR PARENTS

Presentation on April 24 at 10am at Faith Lutheran Church, Oregon, WI, part of a summer **“The Flourishing Family” enrichment series.**

Families are feeling stressed now more than ever. Unknowns about safety, education, mandates, and conflicting views leave us feeling overwhelmed and out of control. In this presentation, Dr. Jennifer Londgren, will define self-care and why it is needed. She will outline barriers we face to effective self-care and specific patterns we engage in that lead to us feeling overwhelmed. The presentation will give 5 strategies that will help you develop emotional resilience through covid-19.

The series will be free. Childcare will be provided. The program takes place in the sanctuary, with adequate distance. Refreshments will be provided. **Please register at FaithLutheranOregon.com if you plan to attend.**

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We would like to update our records to include Baptism anniversaries. Please look up your baptismal birthday and give the following information to Pastor: date, location, by whom.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor is available for private confession and absolution, and for confidential pastoral counseling. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him if you ever wish to do so.

The *Smalcald Articles* (one of our Lutheran Confessions) state: “Because absolution or the power of the keys is also a comfort and help against sin and a bad conscience and was instituted by Christ in the gospel..we should not neglect it but value it highly, just as all the other offices of the Christian church.”

WOMENS', MENS' & YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

- The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (between Elders & Council), all men are invited to a study of **“Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith In Action.”**
- Every other Tuesday at 7:00pm, all women are invited to an online study of **“Enough for Now: Unpacking God’s Sufficiency.”** Email Carla for the link.
- Beginning soon, Pastor will lead those college-age--30’s in a study of **“On the Road with St. Augustine.”** TBA.

Books are available for purchase if you would like to own them, otherwise you may borrow from church, but *please let Pastor know so we can have enough books.*

FUNDRAISING

We have a number of projects we are seeking special offerings for:

- FUNDED: Shower replacement at the parsonage
- Basement Window Replacement: \$8000 (needed yet).
- New white paraments:
 - Superfrontal w/embroidery: \$1899
 - Pulpit Fall w/embroidery: \$899
 - Lectern Bible Marker: \$299
- Red Altar Superfrontal: \$1300

If you would like to give a special offering for these, you can make a check out to Faith for this purpose, or give online. Thrivent members may apply for Thrivent Action Grants for these projects.

STIMULUS MONEY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Many of us have received stimulus money from the government. For some of us this was very helpful, for others the reality is that God supplied us already with everything we needed. If you would be willing to donate this money to help those in need, our church has a benevolent "Faith In Action" fund that is in place to help those with a variety of needs. The more money that is in this fund will further the diaconal outreach of our church. We also will be applying for a **matching grant of up to \$2500** from WELS Christian Aid and Relief. Please prayerfully consider donating to this fund.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our online church directory is offline as we switch to a new program called "Servant Keeper," which will also integrate the elders' committee records as well as financial giving.

In your mailbox downstairs there is a form that we can use to record your information. There are also some forms on the table in the narthex. Please complete the form and return to the offering plate or Ed's mailbox downstairs.

SUMMER CAMP - IN PERSON THIS SUMMER!

Registration for the Wisconsin region ELS summer camp, "Camp Rise" is now online! Camp: CampRise.org

LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION (LYA)

H.S. Youth have the opportunity to attend a youth retreat, July 22-25, either in the Midwest or in Florida. Transportation will be paid for. Your cost will be registration. Talk to Pastor if you are interested.