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Lutheran Church

I AM THE
**GOOD
SHEPHERD**
I KNOW MY SHEEP
AND MY SHEEP
KNOW
ME.



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A member congregation of the *Church of the Lutheran Confession*

Second Sunday After Easter

April 15, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. ⁴ His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, ⁷ Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. ⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down. ¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever— Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Hymn #732 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Invocation – p. 5

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

Introit – Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a

[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]

P: The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

C: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.

P: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

C: For praise from the upright is beautiful.

P: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

C: On those who hope in His mercy,

P: To deliver their soul from death,

C: And to keep them alive in famine.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

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Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)

[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 23

¹ 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.

The Gradual – Luke 24:35b; John 10:14

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

P: And they told about the things that had happened on the road,

C: and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

P: Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd;

C: and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.” Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

¹ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² “But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

³ “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ “And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ “Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ “All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #196 – I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still

Sermon Text – Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon – Jesus Gives Resurrection Power

I. For Eternal Life

II. For Daily Living

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #436 – The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #51 – Now May He Who from the Dead

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Announcements

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will continue our study of Luther's Large Catechism. We are studying the Lord's Supper.

Midweek Bible Class – Our Midweek Bible Class resumes this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We are beginning a new topic on "Heaven and Hell." Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

Arise and Shine (20's & 30's Retreat) – This year's retreat is coming up June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts) and are able to make the time, please plan on joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to our website: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh - sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com - (414)534-7279 | Josh Ohlmann - joshohlmann@swbell.net - (314)874-9184 | Kym Stelter - kjstelter@gmail.com - (507) 327-2076.

CLC Call News - Professor Paul Schaller, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI, has announced his retirement from the fulltime public ministry effective at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. ◊ Valerie Hammett has accepted the lower grade part time teacher call issued to her by Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. ◊ Amy Mielke has accepted Messiah's full time 3-4 grade teacher call. ◊ Jane Murch and Valerie Hammett have returned their music teacher calls. Messiah's voters have now called Lisa Noeldner to this

position. < Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Hts MN, has called the Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Mathew Lutheran, Dallas TX, to be its next pastor. He now holds two calls in addition to his present call, having also been chosen by the voters of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI < Teacher Andrew Roehl, Altoona WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. < Professor Steven Sippert has accepted the call to serve as ILC President for the next two years. < The Call Committee on Graduates assigned the one graduate from the ILC teaching program, Michaela Winters, to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI.

From CLC E-Devotions

Romans 6:9-10 - *He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all.*

IT'S STILL EASTER!

Remember waking up Easter Sunday morning and as soon as the mental fog cleared thinking, "It's Easter! Christ is risen!?" What a great way to begin the day! Jesus is alive. The suffering, shame, and death of Good Friday were overshadowed by the glory of the empty tomb.

But now? The picked-over Easter candy is 80% off. The problems of the world are still there, more daunting than ever. The stresses in our own personal lives weigh on us. So what happened to Easter? Nothing. It's still there. We can open our eyes every morning with the realization that Christ is risen. "He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all" (Romans 6:9-10).

Every day we have the peace of knowing that our sins were buried with Christ and that now we have new life in Him. His victory is ours. We have the joy of the Lord's presence with us as we go about our daily lives. The risen, ever-living Lord is there to guide us with His Word, protect us with His power, and give us purpose to every moment of our time on earth. For the believer, it's really Easter every day. There's nothing better to wake up to!

You can subscribe to receive these daily devotions by email at <http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries>.