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✠ WELCOME ✠

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 367:

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd (melody: Regent Square)

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

C: [sing, p. 42] **O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory be to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing, p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.
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 dwell on earth again;
O thank Him for His Goodness!**

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the Day*)

C: Heavenly Father, you 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. Grant us your Holy Spirit so that, even as the Good Shepherd knows us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know him, trust in him, seek help and comfort in him, obey his voice from our hearts, and obtain eternal salvation. We ask this through him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS — THE HISTORIC LECTIONARY (All readings from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE)

The Old Testament — Ezekiel 34:11–16

For thus says the LORD God, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.

“And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land. I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

“I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the LORD God. “I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.”

The Epistle — 1 Peter 2:21–25

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

WHO COMMITTED NO SIN,

NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to

righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The Holy Gospel — John 10:11–16

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd.”

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

THE CREED

P: Having heard God’s Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46] **Amen.**

HYMN 370:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

THE SERMON:

Die First—and Then You Live! (1 Peter 2:21–25)

HYMN VERSE

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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 ever. Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 368:

The Lord My Faithful Shepherd Is

THE COLLECT

C: [sing, p. 58] Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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: [sing, p. 59] Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN 371:

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

CLOSING PRAYER

Musician: Darek Hartwig

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

Coffee and Refreshments After the service, all are welcome to join us in the basement for refreshments and coffee.

Bible Study Please join us for our Bible study on the book of Job at 11:00 AM.

Family Night - April 22nd We are planning another Family Night for members and guests to come together for fun, food, and fellowship. It will take place on Friday, April 22nd, beginning at 6:00 PM. Plan to bring a dish to pass and a favorite game to play with others.

❧ GOD’S WORD TO MEMORIZE ❧

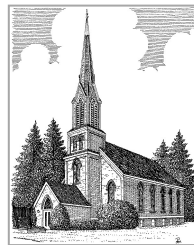
He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

— 1 Peter 2:24

❧ THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE ❧

Today	Sunday School	10:20 AM
	Coffee and refreshments	10:30 AM
	Bible Study, Book of <i>Job</i>	11:00 AM
Wednesday	Board of Deacons	7:00 PM
Thursday	Central Circle (Church cleaning)	8:00 AM
	Church Council	7:00 PM
Next Sunday	Divine Service	9:30 AM
	Sunday School	10:20 AM
	Bible Study	11:00 AM

Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of Christ through the pure word and sacraments, witnessing to the lost, and nurturing fellow believers so that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. This we do through worship, education, service, and fellowship.



- PASTORAL INFORMATION -

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