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She is more precious
than rubies...

Proverbs 3:15



Happy Mother's Day

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 8, 2022
Sermon: The Lord Is My Shepherd



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 8, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfram

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Ushers: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Jami Langholdt

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who has gone victoriously through death and into eternity for us, lead us through whatever trials may befall us here in time until we join to praise You in our Father's house; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

P: The Lord is my shepherd;

C: I shall not want.

P: For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

C: will be their shepherd,

P: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

C: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Opening Song

“We Believe”

Verse 1

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear

There is only one foundation we believe, we believe

Verse 2

In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see

There is only one salvation we believe, we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back again, we believe

Verse 3

So, let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing

And in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back again

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised

In the here and now, let love invade

Let the church live loud, our God we'll say

We believe, we believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail

For the power of God, has torn the veil

Now we know Your love will never fail

We believe, we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back

He's comin' back again

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He's comin' back again

We believe We believe

Words and Music by Travis Ryan, Matthew Hooper and Richie Fike CCLI #11440148 and 20162974

First Lesson Acts 20:17–35 (Paul commends the word of grace to the church overseers as they care for the flock.)

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of

all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.

³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Second Lesson Revelation 7:9–17 (On the heavenly throne, John sees the Lamb who has conquered death and become the Shepherd.)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces

before the throne and worshiped God,
¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel John 10:22–30 (Jesus affirms that no one following His voice can be snatched from Him. He and the Father are one.)

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness

about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Lord, our God,

C: we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

P: Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

Baptisms Kamdyn Haugen, Persephonie Haugen, and Tygan Haugen

The Song of Instruction "I was there to hear your borning cry"

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

Chorus: "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on,
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun." (chorus)
3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise." (chorus)
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The Word

"The Lord Is My Shepherd "

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 27: 6—And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Offertory “I Worship You, Almighty God”

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. I worship You, O Prince of Peace,
That is what I want to do. I give You praise for You are my righteousness.
I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. (Repeat)

There is none like You.

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The Prayer of the Church

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “The Wonderful Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss. And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

(Rev. 7:17)

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

(John 10:27-28)

Sermon Notes
