

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Violin & Flute Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Gathering Song:** PW 168 “I Will Enter His Gates”

Call to Worship: (Psalm 100)

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

L: Come into his presence with singing!

C: **Know that the Lord is God!**

L: It is he that made us, and we are his own.

C: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and go into his courts with praise!

**ALL: “GIVE THANKS TO HIM, AND BLESS HIS NAME! FOR THE LORD IS GOOD;
HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND HIS FAITHFULNESS ENDURES FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION!”**

***Song:** PW 52 “I Will Sing of the Mercies”

***Prayer of the Day:**

C: **Compassionate and merciful God, from far and near you gather your Church into one. Safeguard the unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ our Shepherd, that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment they seek. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever, and ever. Amen.**

Confession: (kneel or sit)

C: **We confess that at times we are like sheep without a shepherd. We feel lost and alone, and cannot find our way. We have often gone in our own direction and have not followed your call. We have listened to 'other sheep' and followed other flocks. Forgive us when we go astray, and lead us in your truth and in your ways.**

Forgiveness:

L: God calls his people together into one flock, and claims each one of us as his very own. By his love and mercy our sins have been forgiven through the blood of Christ, and through the resurrection of our Lord we have been promised abundant new life as we follow in his ways. Thanks be to God!

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Psalm 23. Printed

Song: “Shepherd Me, O God”

Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and



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ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Children's Message

Gospel John 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Message. Pastor Kathy Fullarton

***Song:** PW 88 “His Name is Life”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

***Statement of Faith:**

C: **We believe in God who has created all things and continues to create new life within us. God, as our Shepherd, provides us with all that we need, guides us with his Word, and refreshes us with the waters of life. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's own Son, the Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep and rose triumphant to become the Shepherd of the church. We believe that the Holy Spirit, through Jesus our Shepherd, calls and gathers us through the gospel to be his faithful flock, and will lead us at last to dwell in his house forever. Amen.**

Offering/Loose Change Offering: “Cry of My Heart” (worship team)

Prayers of the Church: (kneel or sit)

***Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion

Songs during Distribution:

“Lead Me, Lord” (worship team)

“You Are My All in All” (worship team)

Post Communion Song:

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

Communion Blessing

***Benediction**

***Sending Song:** WOV 673 “I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

***Dismissal:**

L: Go forth in peace, knowing that Jesus our Shepherd leads us and lifts us up as we go out to serve the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!



Birthdays - April 21-27 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

21-Haley Olson	24-Madison Erickson	25-Derick Schultz	27-Ryker Erickson
21-Adyson Warmka	24-Scott Linde	26-Don Zabel	27-Jadyn Lutteke
22-Deb Degner	24-Justin Melby		

If you are thinking of becoming a member of Good Shepherd, you are invited to attend a Prospective Membership Orientation on Sunday, April 21st at 10:15 a.m. The meeting will be held in the kitchenette. Pastor Kathy will go over Good Shepherd's mission statement and other information. Attending the orientation class does not obligate you to join if you are not ready at this time. New members will be welcomed into the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church membership on the weekend of April 27th and 28th. We are looking for volunteers who would serve as shepherds for our new members. A shepherd encourages, calls, and invites the new member to be a part of the church family at Good Shepherd. If you are willing to be a shepherd please call the church office at 553-3513.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary at services on May 18 & 19, 2013. Pastor Katie Fick will bring the message on Saturday and Pastor John Mikkelson will give the message on Sunday. Many other former pastors will also participate in the service. Please help us notify families that have moved from Wells. Please plan to attend.

50th Anniversary Tickets 50th Anniversary Tickets available for the 6:00 p.m. catered dinner following the Saturday Worship service on May 18, 2013 in the Social Hall. All tickets \$10.00 each. Get your tickets now by contacting the Church Office at 507-553-3513. Limited seating available.

Adult Bible Study - The Adult Bible Study will watch a video presented by Max Lucado about "Grace". We will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Sun., April 21st in the parlor. All adults are welcome!

Pancakes for Hunger - April 21st from 8:30-11:30. Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Coffee and Juice. Free will Donation. All proceeds will go to the Backpack Program sponsored by Caring people of our area communities. Thank you, Social Concerns Ministry Team. Sponsor a student!

Classical Minnesota Public Radio presents the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's first concert in Minneapolis in over 20 years. Thurs., June 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Target Center. Cost: \$56.00 by May 1st to USC Community Education. For more information please call 553-5823.

Summer Mission Trip Donations - This summer we will be working with the homeless on our mission trips. We are in need of supplies to share with the people we meet. Here is the list you could help with: 12 backpacks, color crayons, pencils, tablets, glue, scissor, markers, folders, ruler, colored pencils, children's body wash, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brush, wash cloth, towel, men's body wash for older teen guys, deodorant, craft supplies, preschool workbooks, single blankets, and maybe something fun. Thanks for helping the homeless kids. Pick off a flower on the trees at either entrance, and bring the item to church and put in the box in Memorial Hall.

Youth Car Wash/Breakfast - Sunday, April 28th. Car Wash 8:00-8:45 a.m. and 10:00-11:30 a.m. Come for the car wash before church or after church. Breakfast will be served after church with a free will offering. We will serve: melt in your mouth cinnamon rolls, delicious build your own egg burritos. Proceeds go toward the two summer mission trips. Thanks for supporting our youth on a mission.

8th gr Confirmation and Mentors - Bowling Party, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. at Kiester Lanes in Kiester. Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to pool rides. Cost: \$5.00 for bowling and shoes.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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 staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.