

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down Hís lífe for the sheep." -John 10:11

## Faith Lutheran Church Naples, Florida

# **Good Shepherd Weekend**

## April 20 & 21, 2024

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#### **AS WE GATHER**

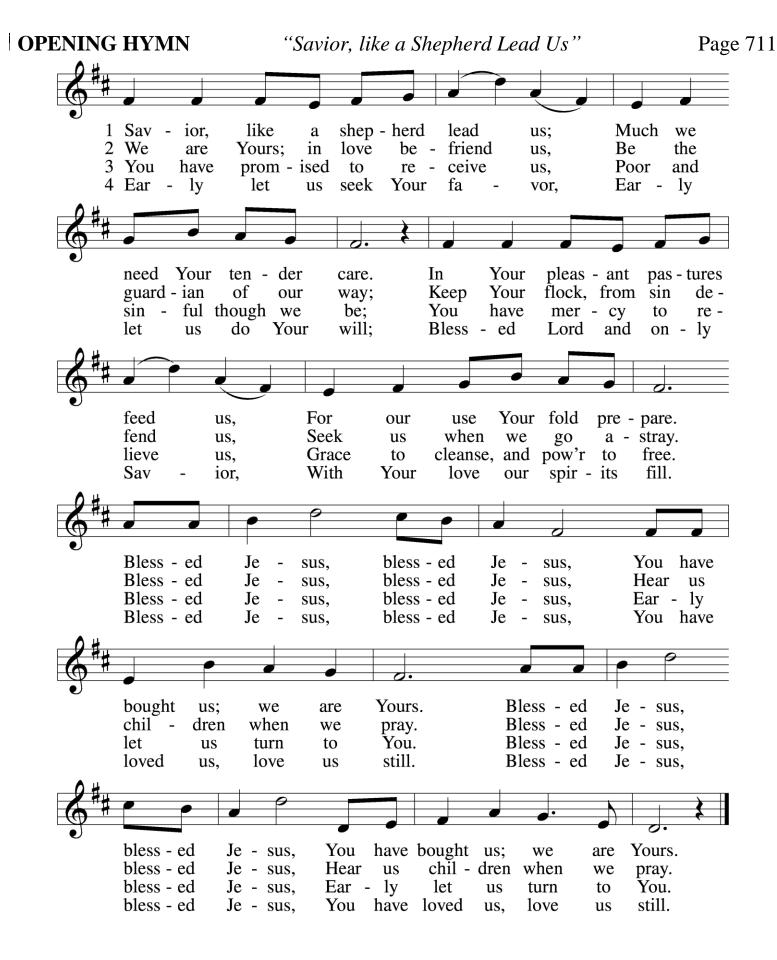
One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term "misericord" means "pity of the heart." That word is part of the church phrase Misericordia Domini, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)



#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People:** Amen.

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

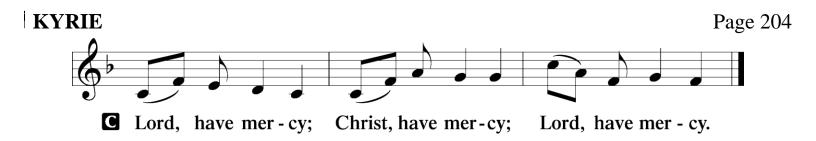
Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

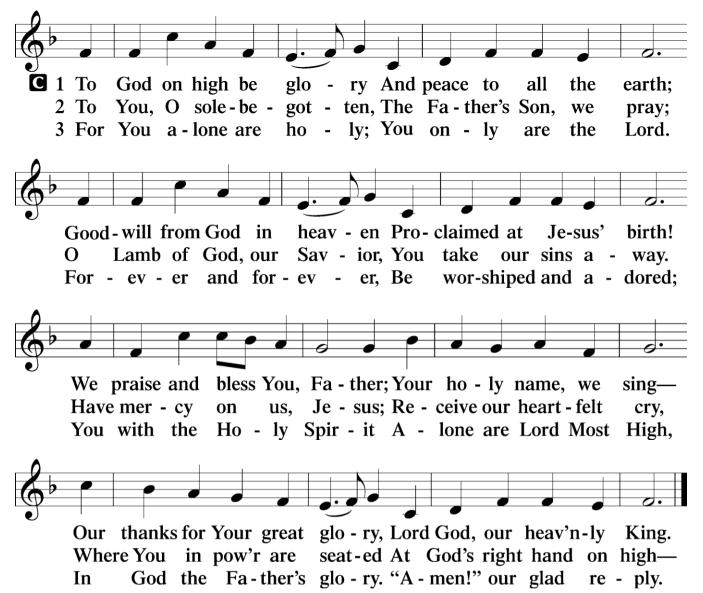
- Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## Service of the Word



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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

#### People: And also with you.

- Pastor: Let us pray. Risen and ascended Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for the sheep; they are Yours. Empower Your church to reach every sheep that belongs to You and to give witness until You have brought all Your sheep into one fold; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.

#### FIRST READING

#### Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### SECOND READING

#### 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.



#### HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter. **People: Glory to You, O Lord.** 

#### John 10:11-18

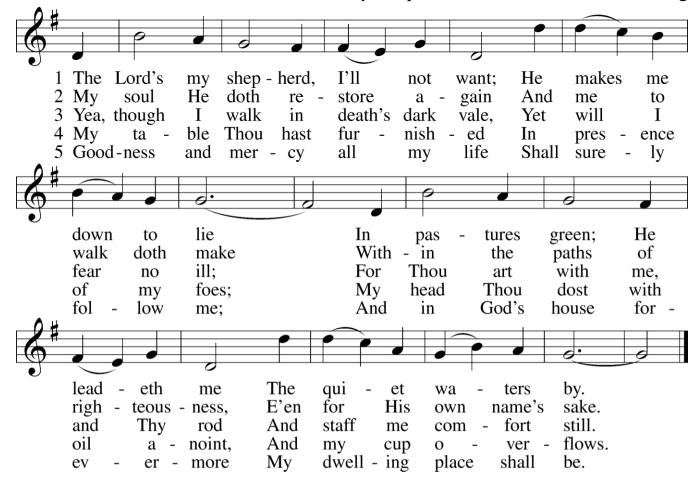
"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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SERMON

"Who is Your Shepherd?" Pastor Bradford Hildebrandt Text: John 10:11-18

#### - CHORAL MEDITATION

#### **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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will 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 in 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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

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.

**Prayer Requests:** Please print prayer requests on the blue "Prayer" card and hand it to an usher during this time.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Allen Pote

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### 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 glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

#### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

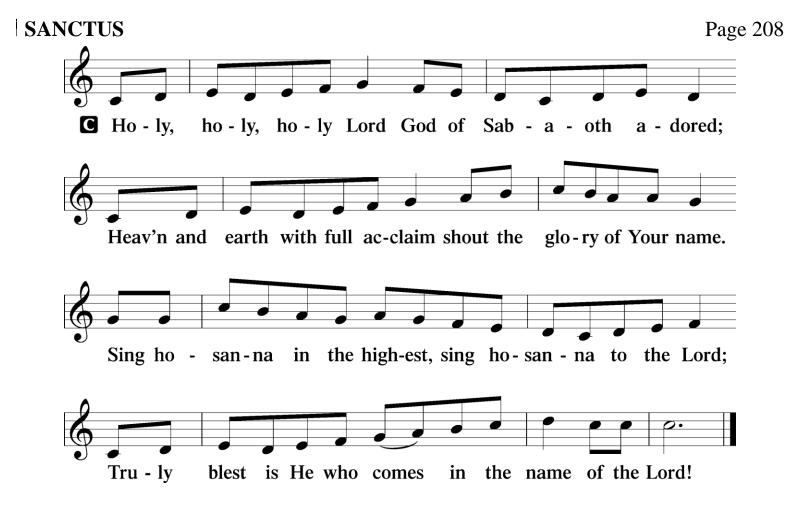
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

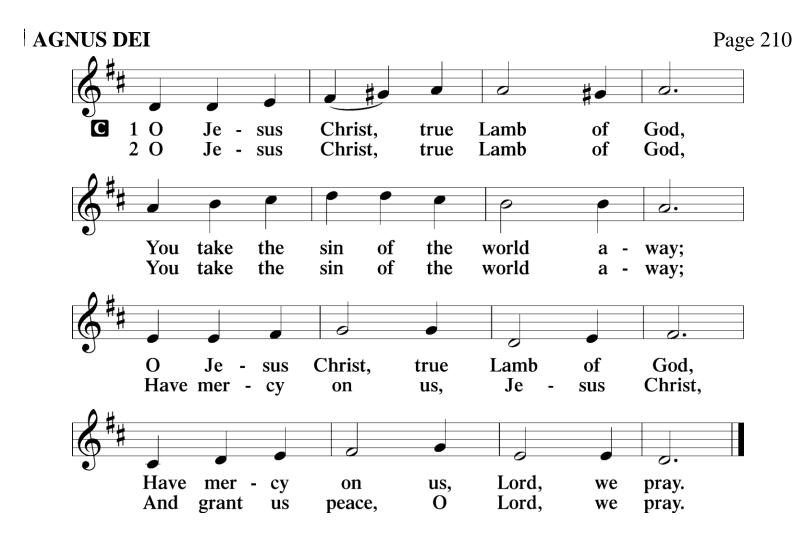
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

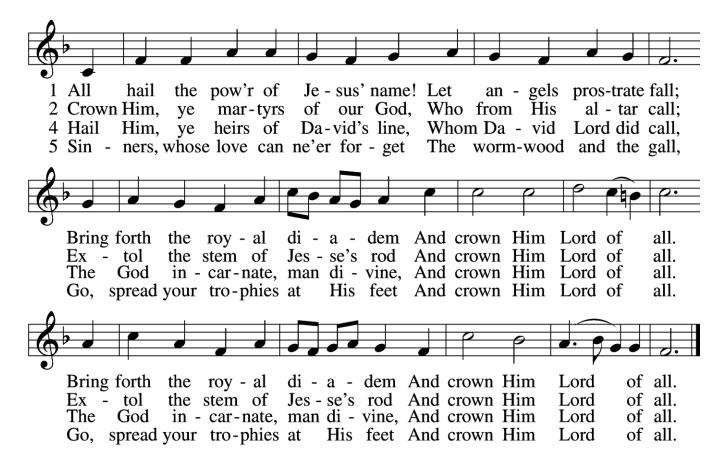
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.



**DISTRIBUTION** (*Please review our statement of faith inserted into the front of the hymnal.*)

#### BENEDICTION

- Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and + give you peace.
- People: Amen.



#### POSTLUDE

#### **OFFERTORY INFORMATION**

Psalm 23 is a psalm of comfort. David imagines God as a caring shepherd and himself as one of his lambs (Psalm 23:1). Under His care, David is confident he will have everything he needs. Like a lamb needs to be led to food and water when wandering in the deserts of Israel, God leads David to rare fields of green grass and calm waters (Psalm 23:2). God's gentle shepherding both restores David to full vitality and ensures he chooses the right paths (Psalm 23:3). Ultimately God the shepherd will lead him to dwell forever in His generous and protective presence (Psalm 23:6). Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for and leads His flock, and just as David's shepherd walked through the Valley of Death to provide a feast for his sheep in His presence, Jesus does the same. Allen Pote's setting of "*The Lord is My Shepherd*" is one of the most elegant settings of Psalm 23. Allen Pote's use of the voices, as well as harmonic structure, complements the text perfectly. Allow this choral setting and the message of Psalm 23 to inspire calm, and remind you that God is good and worthy of your trust in life or in death, in times of plenty or want, and through every tribulation and blessing.