

May 8, 2022 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship before God's throne.

**The Lamb is our Good Shepherd.**

We are the sheep of his pasture.

**The Lamb leads the flock in safety.**

The Shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

**All praise to God and to the Lamb!**

*(all sing)* "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs 4 **(Red Book) No. 789**

*Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord.**

**Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.**

*(all sing)* "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs 1 **(Red Book) No. 789**

*Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.*

Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 7: 9-17 (*Pew Bible Page No. 999*)

*Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 23 (*Pew Bible Page No. 435-436*)

*(all sing) The Lord's My Shepherd (Red Book) No. 778*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(all sing) "Have No Fear, Little Flock." vs 1 (Red Book) No. 764*

*Have no fear, little flock; have no fear little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!*

*The Holy Gospel according to John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL John 10: 22-30 (*Pew Bible Page No. 873*)

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

### MESSAGE

SONG "I Am The Good Shepherd" by Fernando Ortega (video monitor)

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### THE 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.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

The Lord is our shepherd; we want for nothing. We hunger and thirst no more.  
The Lord gives rest and comfort to our souls. God keeps us in perfect peace.  
The Lord sustains us in the midst of trouble. Our lives overflow with God's love and grace. Goodness and mercy will surely follow us always. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever! **Amen.**

*(all sing)* "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs 2 **(Red Book) No. 789**

***We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.***

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE