



WELCOME IN THE NAME OF THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN JESUS CHRIST!

Sunday, May 3rd, 2020, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s

violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Kevin Biel

See link on website for video.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Blessing and Honor

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- 1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow’r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
offer to him who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!
- 2 Let all the heavens resound with his name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow’r
echo his praises and tell of his pow’r;
echo his praises and tell of his pow’r.
- 3 Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise--
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
- 4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign;
dying in weakness and rising to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tanya Cartwright

See video link on website.

PSALM

Psalm 23

See video link on website.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

See video link on website.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

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HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,

thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

APOSTLES 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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, we thank you for your loving and enduring mercy as you seek to comfort your whole flock of people throughout the world, while at the same time knowing each of us by name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, we praise you for the gift of food, and in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic we pray for farmers stressed by the economy, workers who prepare and package food for sale while seeking to be safe, truckers who deliver goods to markets, and workers in grocery stores and food pantries so that all may be fed. Strengthen their hands as they feed both us and the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guiding God, in this world pandemic we pray for the cooperation between nations for research and supplies, so that all people may have the opportunity to live safely and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Comforting God, you carry us tenderly. We pray for those who walk through dark valleys overshadowed by anxiety, fear, depression, addiction, violence, or illness, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you.... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, you desire justice for the hungry. Bless advocacy work, food banks, and local feeding ministries through the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches' Pantry and Jerusalem's Little Free Pantry. May no one in our community lack for food. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, your beloved have heard your voice; you have called them by name and guided them to your side in life and in death. We thank you for their lives of faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Call, text, or email a friend to pass the peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

If you are able please mail your offering to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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See link on website for video.

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;

praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

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MINISTRY NEWS

PRAYER LIST

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Charles Gurski, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Joel Koch, Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Cheryl Moyer, Kevin Seibert, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Jeff Wolesschok, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Gemma Geary, Seth Ney, Nathan Resch, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Denny Starr, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Barry West, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Ron Gill, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Nancy Cooper, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Deanna Carl, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto

Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Karen Cockill, Janice Barr, Donna Drenzo, Bill Gordon, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Kathrine Smiley, Mark Noecker, Michelle Moon, Anna Heffner, Molly Jones, David Wise, Joan Stefichack, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Kay LeBoeuf

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

SEND YOUR PICTURES! What are you doing while you are quarantined? What are the unusual ways that you have celebrated events like birthdays and anniversaries? What does home or work look like for you? What has changed in your lives? If you have digital pictures of these, or any others things that might be interesting, please send them to the office (mail@jerusalemlutheran.com). When we are able to once again gather together, we will use your pictures in a slide show so that we can not only share with each other what has taken place in our lives over these past weeks and months, but also to pass on a congregational history for future years so that our congregational descendants can see how we lived out our baptisms in so many ways during this unprecedented time of the coronavirus pandemic.

BIRTHDAY CARD REQUEST. On May 7th, our member Ronald Gill, will turn 89. He is currently residing at Providence Place in Pottsville and he is not allowed to have any visitors. Please help him celebrate his special day by sending him a birthday card. His mailing address is: Ron Gill, Providence Place, 2200 First Avenue, Room 103, Pottsville, PA 17901.

#GIVINGTUESDAYNOW. On May 5, 2020, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will be participating in **#GivingTuesdayNow**, a global day of giving and unity as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. Your gifts to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund will support local and church wide ministries of the ELCA, including our congregations that are most in need and best positioned to help others. These gifts will support:

- Congregations and local ministries serving communities that are disproportionately at risk from the pandemic, especially as it relates to health concerns, exposure risk and/or economic status
- The health, safety and well-being of leaders and church employees who are critical to carrying out the mission of this church
- Ministries around the world that provide people in poverty with health care, sanitation and hygiene supplies, clean water, food and shelter — resources critical to slowing the spread of this virus

If you wish to give to this fund. Make your check out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, and note "COVID-19" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed along with your offering to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.



SITUATION REPORT 2

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE



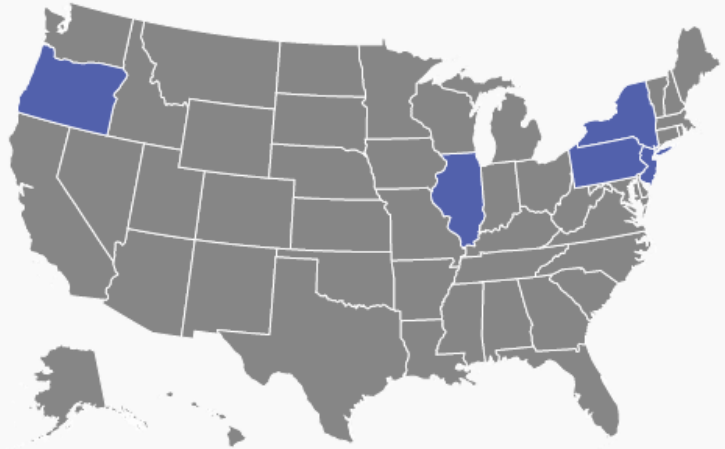
APRIL 28, 2020



UNITED STATES

SITUATION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to dominate the headlines throughout the country. As of April 28, there have been a total of 960,000 cases in the United States and over 49,000 people have lost their lives. This number continues to grow daily. Even as many states are taking drastic measures to prevent escalation, the virus continues to spread.



RESPONSE*

Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting ELCA synods and affiliated social ministry organizations around the U.S. in response to the pandemic, with special emphasis on vulnerable communities, e.g. unemployed, homeless, and senior populations.

- In Oregon, we are supporting the Oregon Synod's "Pandemic Neighbor-Love Action" program, a collaborative effort with ELCA congregations, ecumenical partners and other community partners to provide relief assistance to families most impacted during the crisis.
- In Illinois, we are contributing to Holy Family Ministries in Chicago to provide students and their families with basic school supplies and food vouchers. They are also assisting school staff to provide mental health checks to students.
- In Pennsylvania, we are providing grant funding to Lutheran Community Services-Liberty Lutheran to provide food and relief supplies to local food and shelter ministries in Eastern Pennsylvania who serve vulnerable populations. Additionally, we are supporting the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod to assist the urban ministries of six congregations in Philadelphia to provide relief to struggling communities.
- In New York, we are contributing to the Metro New York Synod to support the feeding ministries of 16 congregations in areas severely impacted by COVID-19.
- In New Jersey, we are supporting the feeding ministries of 12 congregations that serve ethnic minorities, undocumented workers, and communities under poverty in the most impacted areas in the New Jersey Synod.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray