

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
April 30, 2023

**GATHERING**     The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**     “Rock of Ages” by Thomas Hastings

**GATHERING SONG**     *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!”*     ELW 619 v. 1-2, 5 & 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!     What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave;     he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply;     he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears;     he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives!     He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save;     he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye;     he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears;     he lives to calm my

once was dead;     he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove;     he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint;     he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart;     he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

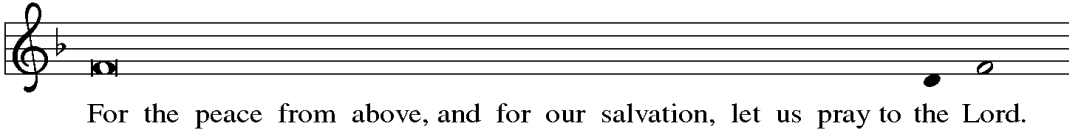
## GREETING

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.**

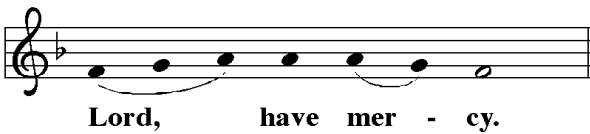
## KYRIE ELW pg. 138



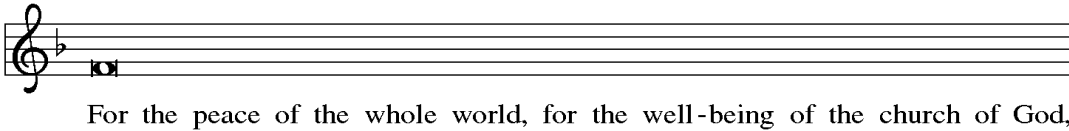
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



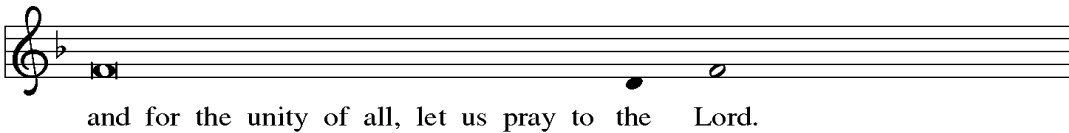
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



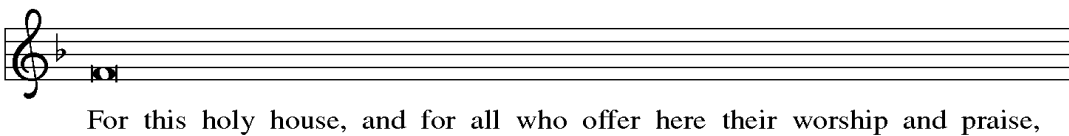
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



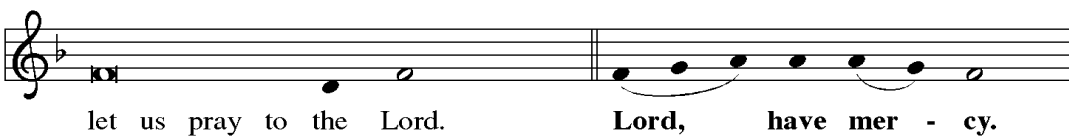
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



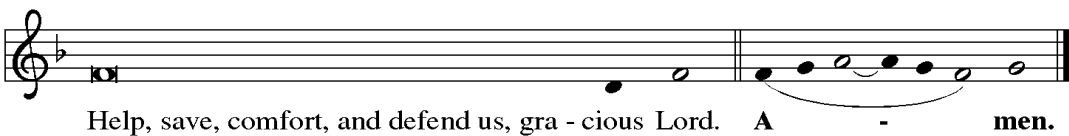
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW pg. 140

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “One Bread, One Body” by John Foley

**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from Acts.

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 23 (in unison)**

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup>The 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* ELW 502 V. 1-4

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore 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.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to  
listen for your voice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord.  
Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation.  
Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them  
servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed  
by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you  
thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who  
mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING "Day of Arising" ELW 374 v. 1 & 3**



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



**DIALOGUE**      **ELW pg. 144**

The Lord be with you.      **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.      **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**      **ELW pg. 144**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**      **ELW pg. 145**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

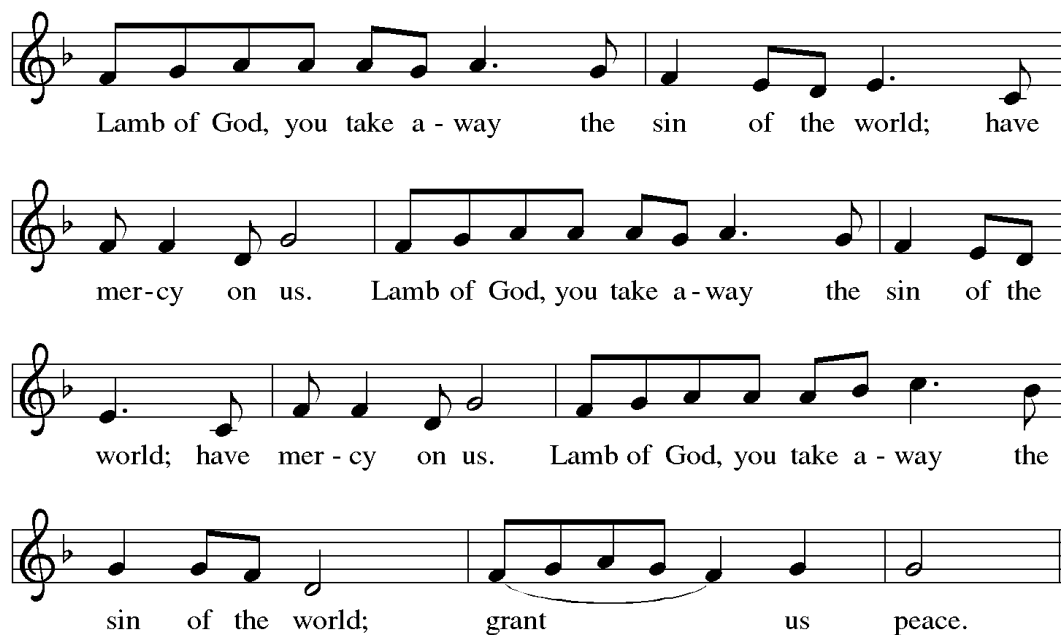
## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG ELW pg. 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN "Shepherd Me, O God" ELW 780

# Shepherd Me, O God

*Refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban - quet of love in the face of



*Refrain*

ha - tred, crown - ing me with love be - yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure - ly your kind - ness and mer - cy fol - low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for - ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## COMMUNION HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat" ELW 484



- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you FLBC staff for joining us and preaching today!**

**Thank you Pastor Don Gordineer for blessing communion.**

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## SENDING SONG "Have No Fear, Little Flock" ELW 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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## PEACE

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

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Ongoing Health:** Keith Miller (*Candy Gohl's son-in-law*), Judy D. (Tony Peterson's friend), Amy (Curtner) Lucas, Marjorie Burkitt, Joyce Erickson, Dave Bjur, Jerome Hanson, Dallas Peterson, Jim Anderson, Charlie Grubb, Scott Trospen, Albert Knutson, Debbie Lindquist, Amber Steffes, Paul Hansen, Craig Erickson, Lilly Christiansen (*Marret's daughter*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Karen Vergeront, Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Pat Radtke (Marion Woitke's sister), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*).

May 08th, 2023—May 14th, 2023

**MONDAY: Recovery Prayer Group Meeting - 12:00pm**

**TUESDAY: Country Store**

**THURSDAY: VBDC Meeting - 1:00pm**

**SUNDAY: Choir Practice: TBD**

**9:00AM WORSHIP**

**In Church Worship Service & Facebook**

## **NEXT SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Connections:** We will wrap up our year, meeting two times this month:

**Wednesday, May 03 at 5:30 pm** GSLC

Breakfast for Dinner, Making Bluebird Houses

**Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm** Picnic at Boettcher Park

*(weather permitting—we'll meet at church if it isn't nice)*

**Youth & Family Ministry Mtg: May 4th at 4:00pm** All parents are invited!

We will be evaluating & planning for next year.

**Recovery Prayer Group** The first meeting will be held Monday,  
**May 8th at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room.**

**“Mom’s My Cup of Tea”** is the theme for **Mother’s Day, May 14.**

Men are needed to help serve coffee and clean up.

**Confirmation & Graduate Recognition:**

We will be honoring both our confirmand and our graduates in one service, on **Sunday, May 21 at 9:00am.**

VBDC is taking registrations for camp! See Marilyn Trospen for more info.

**Personal Care** items are continuing to be collected for the Personal Care Bag Project. Please place items in the large basket next to the table in the Narthex.