



“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

John 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

May 12, 2019

Calvary Lutheran Church

Topeka, Kansas

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *SHARING OF THE PEACE, *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: *“Father Welcomes”* # 605

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***PSALM 23**

P: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *“Gloria in Excelsis”* P. 154

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17–35 P. 156

R: Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every

city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

GRADUAL: 1 Corinthians 15:20a; Psalm 8:5b-6 P. 156

R: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

R: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9–17 P. 156

R: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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***HOLY GOSPEL:** John 10:22–30 P. 157

P: At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*" # 709

SERMON "God Our Shepherd, We His Sheep"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*" # 710

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***LORD'S PRAYER:** (*spoken by all*)

OFFERING: (*as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew*)

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***CONCLUDING COLLECT – *BENEDICTION** P. 166

***CLOSING HYMN:** "*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*" # 711