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**Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season**

**Easter Season Sermon Series: Victorious!**

**Today's theme: *Victory over bad choices***

**Welcome, guests!** God's love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

**Children's "My Worship Notes"** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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## INVOCATION

*[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING VERSES

M: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want

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

M: He restores my soul;

**C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

M: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me;**

M: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

M: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

**C: Surley goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;**

M: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

## ABSOLUTION

[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23]

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

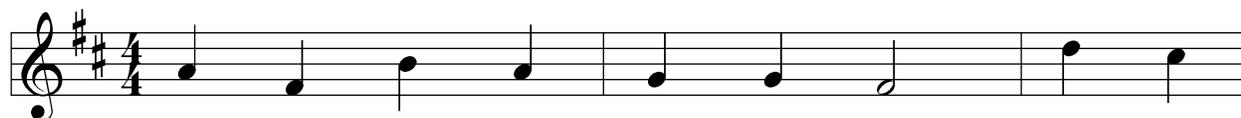
C: Amen

## SONG OF PRAISE

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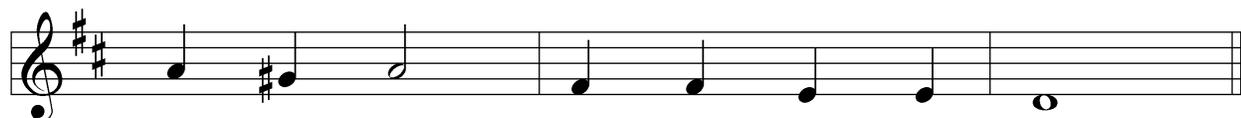
## Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with  
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and  
take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our  
joy will fol - low on Till the work of  
sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, We will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, There to live with you.  
ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*[The Prayer of the Day compliments the theme of the day.]*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep.

**C: Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## THE WORD

*[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]*

### READING

**1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Christ, the Good Shepherd, died for sheep going astray.*

<sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, 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 they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Please stand*

*[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]*

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 10.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL****John 10:1-10**

*The Pharisees were not true shepherds. They did not enter through the gate and they brought harm to the flock.  
Jesus is the gate for the sheep and in him alone are the sheep safe.*

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <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 listen to 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 on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”  
<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!****CHILDREN’S SERMON**

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**432****I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb**

1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd’s



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - ’ry  
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.

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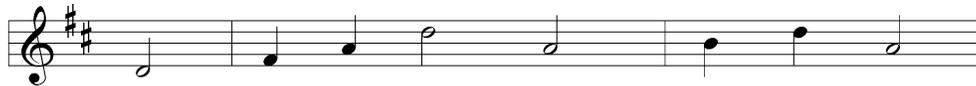
## The Lord's My Shepherd



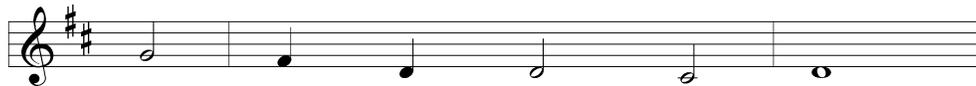
1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



He makes me down to lie  
 And me to walk doth make  
 Yet will I fear no ill;  
 In pre - sence of my foes;  
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 E'en for his own name's sake.  
 And staff me com - fort still.  
 And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 My dwell - ing place shall be.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 E'en for his own name's sake.  
 And staff me com - fort still.  
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*The well-known themes of Psalm 23 are set to the popular tune BROTHER JAMES' AIR.*

Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR (86 86 86) J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925, adapt.

***Shepherds and Sheep: Enter through the Gate!***

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*[The word creed comes from the Latin credo, which means "I believe". In confessing this ancient creed, we remind ourselves that what we believe and teach has been handed down to us by the Apostles. The Apostles Creed is so named because it is a brief statement of the gospel truths they taught. Its writing and use dates to the early years of the Christian Church.]*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*[If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [lambogodlafayette.com](http://lambogodlafayette.com) and click GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the church—3993 St. Rd. 38 East Suite F Lafayette, IN 47905]*

## **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

*[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]*

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

**His Mercy Is More**  
*Getty*

# His Mercy is More

Words and Music by  
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Slowly ♩ = 44

N.C. D G<sup>sus2</sup> D A<sup>sus</sup> Bm

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - ni - scient, all kno - wing, He  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His

Gadd9 A<sup>sus</sup> Dadd9 Em<sup>7</sup> D/F# G

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; \_\_\_\_\_  
call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; \_\_\_\_\_ } Our  
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; \_\_\_\_\_

**Refrain** G D D D/F# G D

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

to CODA A<sup>sus</sup> D/F# G D A G D A<sup>sus</sup> A Bm

His mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our

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His Mercy is More  
(Hymnal, Key of D)

1. [to verse]

G D A D G/D

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. 2. What

2.

G D A Dadd9 Dsus

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

[to verse] 3. D.S. [refrain] al Coda

Dadd9 Dsus G D A D D/F#

3. What sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

⊕ CODA

G D A D Dsus D

sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

His Mercy is More  
(Hymnal, Key of D)

G D/F# A<sup>sus</sup> A G D/F# A<sup>add4</sup> G D/F#

Lord! His mer-cy is more. Stron-ger than dark - ness,

A Bm Em<sup>7</sup> rit. D A D

new ev' - ry morn; Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)*

M: 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 with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Serving at Worship

Pastor: Paul Horn

Instrumentalists: Becky, Calliope, Ethan, Henry, Jason and Sophia Horn

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bible Basics Class

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## **Prayer Requests**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

**Keep in your prayers this week:** All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; Kyle and Kelly Plath, as they are expecting their third child in May, that our gracious Savior keep both mother and child safe throughout the pregnancy; that our online outreach efforts would reach more and more people with the gospel; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Coronavirus Task Force; that our Almighty Creator protect Jenna, Abbey, Cheryl and Julie—the health care workers in our congregation as well as all of the doctors and nurses in our country - that the Almighty Physician would guard and protect them from all disease and illness, and grant them patience, compassion and love to all they serve; all those affected by the coronavirus; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

**\*\*\* Need to talk to someone? Pastor Horn is available to chat on the phone or virtually. Contact him through his personal email at: [revhorn2004@gmail.com](mailto:revhorn2004@gmail.com)\*\*\***