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**Today's theme:
He Lives to be My Good Shepherd**

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.

If you would like to know more about Lamb of God or want to livestream a service, visit our website www.lambofgodlafayette.com, like us on Facebook, Instagram and/or YouTube. Lamb of God is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS (www.wels.net) est.1850. WELS is a group of nearly 360,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations united by a common faith in Christ's saving love.

Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... we're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word, "Let the little children come to me." If your child becomes distracting to other worshipers, you may take your child to our fellowship hall which is located to the right at the back of the sanctuary and through the doors.

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.

He Lives to be My Good Shepherd - Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have to choose my own direction in life. I would be terrible at it, because, like a sheep, I can generally see only what's in front of me at the moment, and I get myself into trouble. It is especially difficult for me to look far into my future as planned by Jesus. If he had not risen from the dead, I would be on my own.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. I have the reliable direction of the Good Shepherd. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from the roaring lion, Satan. He is leading us into the green pastures of eternal life. For centuries, the Church has observed this Fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate that Jesus lives to be our Good Shepherd.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

[We invoke, that is, call up on the name of the Triune God, to be present with us through Word and Sacrament. The sign of the cross is made to remind believers of their baptism in the name of the Triune God.]

In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

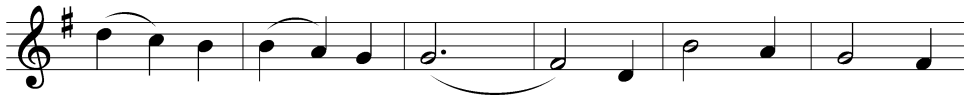
Amen.

Opening Hymn

CW 555 | The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



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



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

CW 189

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Absolution

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

CW 190

[Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.]

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. 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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

[The Good Shepherd's flock grew as people devoted themselves to the apostolic teaching.]

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23F | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*The soloist will lead the congregation on the refrain and verses.



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
or a guest but like a child at home.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

[St. Peter calls on us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer even if it means we will suffer for doing good.]

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But 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. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When 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. ²⁴“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.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[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.]

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

*Congregation will sing the refrain. The soloist will sing the verse.



Refrain



I am the good shepherd;

I know my sheep and my sheep know me. *Refrain*

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

[Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the gate through which we enter the green pastures of salvation.]

¹“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Sermon

[Children are invited to sit in the front of the church.]

Hymn of the Day

CW 552 | The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



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

- 5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

Sermon

based on John 10:1-10

“The Shepherd’s Voice is the Sheep’s Life”

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.

Prayer of the Church

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. [We include in our prayers today... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering

If you wish to give an offering:

- place it in the offering plate
- scan this QR code
- text any dollar amount to **84321**
- mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North, West Lafayette, IN 47906
- go to the church website www.lambofgodlafayette.com and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner



Hymn

CW 551 | Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep (sts. 1-3)



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



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



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

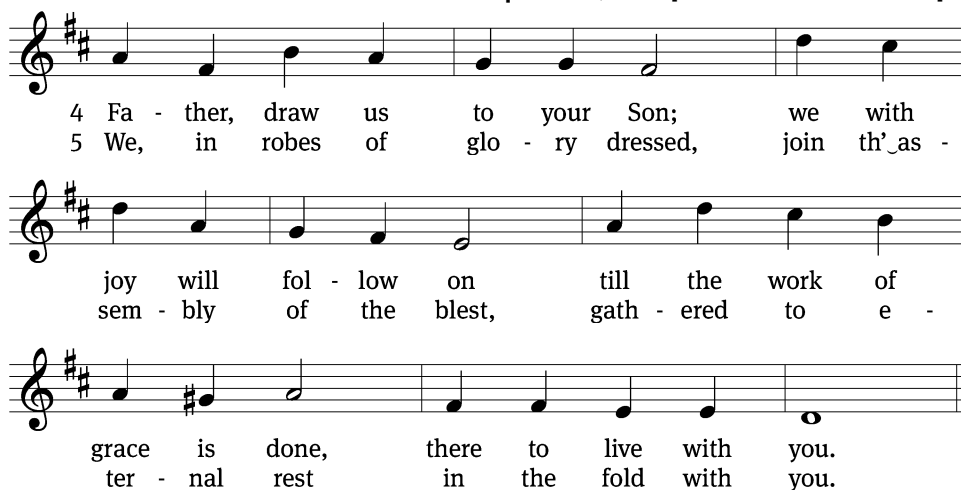
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

CW 551 | Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep (sts. 4-5)



4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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Serving at Worship (4/26)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Musicians: Liz Schmidt (Piano)

Laura Sanford (Flute)

Bethany Price (Cantor)

Usher/Greeter: Dawn Sanders

Acolyte: Kaylee Bednarski

Livestream: Bednarski family

Serving Next Week (5/3)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Dawn Sanders / Diane Brady

Acolyte: Mitchell Becker

Livestream: Volunteer needed

Refreshments: Volunteer needed

This Week's Activities

- Sun, Apr 26
 - Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – 9:15am
 - Worship Service – 10:30am
 - Voters Meeting – after the Worship Service
- Tue, Apr 28
 - Breath Led Body Flow – 6pm
- Wed, Apr 29
 - Online Bible Study – 7pm (* Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300; * Passcode: 384569)
- Thu, Apr 30
 - Purdue Campus Ministry – Held weekly at HAMP 2123 at 8pm
- Fri, May 1
 - Breath Led Body Flow – 10am

Save the Date

- Thu, May 7
 - Mornings with Mommy – 9:45-11am
- Thu, May 21
 - Mornings with Mommy – 9:45-11am
- Sun, Jun 7
 - “Exploring God’s Creation”: Activities for kids and their families – 11:30- 2:30pm
- Sun, July 12
 - “Exploring God’s Creation”: Activities for kids and their families – 11:30- 2:30pm
- Sun, Aug 9
 - “Exploring God’s Creation”: Activities for kids and their families – 11:30- 2:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **voter meeting today following the service**. We’ll go over the 2026-27 budget, other financials, and elect one position to council.

Get into God’s Grace in Ephesians - Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15am for the next few weeks as we marvel at the depths of God's grace for us in Christ.

Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm online, or at the church, as we go through the book of Romans. Learn everything you can from the book Martin Luther suggested every Christian ought to memorize, and bring your hard questions with you. You can join us on Zoom using the link in the LoG weekly newsletter or scanning the QR code. * Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300 * Passcode: 384569



The next **Mornings with Mommy (MwM)** will be on **Thursday, May 7th** from **9:45-11am**. MwM meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. All children from birth to age 5 are welcome even if they don't attend Lamb of God. To register, scan the QR code or visit the Lamb of God website at <https://lambofgodlafayette.com/ministry/mornings-with-mommy/>.



- May 7 – Flowers, Birds and Mother's Day
- May 21 – Monkeys, Zebras and the Zoo
(this will be the last session before the summer break)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all those in our midst who continue to deal with physical ailments or are home bound, including:
 - Bryant and Linda Monk
 - Linda's aunt and her family
 - Mike and Bev Beights
 - Jim Holmes
 - Joan Bonnet
 - Pastor Paul Jansen
 - Carrie May
 - Dustin Humphrey
- For all those who are suffering from abuse in the home that they might seek help.
- For teachers, staff and students and their respective classrooms.