

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Sunday School 9:00am; Bible Class 9:30am

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Divine Service 10:00am

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Because we live under the care of the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, we, the sheep of His flock, enjoy the abundant life.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

SENTENCE FOR THE SERVICE

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: "I am the first and the last, the living one," says the Lord; "I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades."

CONFESSION

(Silence for reflection)

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

People: I confess to almighty God, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

People: Amen.

PSALM 23 *(Read responsively)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, I will seek out My sheep which I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matt 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

ALL: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE READING I Peter 2:21-25

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

VERSE

Rom. 6:9; John 10:14

ALL: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will

never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.
If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love
him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.
Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 10:11-16

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED (*Back of Hymnal*)

HYMN

SERMON "Jesus, the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11)

REMEMBERING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

