



I AM THE DOOR

JOHN 10:9

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, May 3, 2020

9:30 AM Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Facebook Live because of Coronavirus Pandemic)

PRELUDE AND BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING HYMN LBW #245

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

Living God, your Son cares for your people as a shepherd cares for his sheep, calling us each by name. Grant that we may hear and recognize his voice, and, following him, be brought safely through every trial and temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READINGActs 2:42-47

⁴²{The believers} devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who

believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and

distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their

homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the

Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ 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.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

GOSPEL READINGJohn 10:1-10

¹{Jesus said to the Jews,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

HYMN LBW #370

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

SERMON Pastor Curt Hanson

HYMN LBW #456

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW #518

"Beautiful Savior"

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Curt Hanson
PIANIST LeAnn Richard
MUSIC Randy & Gwen Hall
READERMatt Gardner
ALTAR CARE.....Melanie Beckman & Janell Ziemann
VIDEOGRAPHERMatt Gardner

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship with First Lutheran Church! May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.

Prayer Requests

Judy Kirsch – Friend of Duane & Marlys Knell, Diane Inmon – Cousin to Sharon Nelson, Mona Jorgenson – Mother to Carla Bickert, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Mike Thyberg, Lonnie Wollmuth – Brother to Steve Wollmuth, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, David Riden, Laren Holznagel, Sydney Haas – Cousin to Sharon Nelson, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Robert Henke – Son-in-law to Audrey Pauling, Taylor Gardner, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, Billy Gardner – Father to Matt Gardner, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Piano

The console piano in the church basement is open to bids from First Lutheran members. Bids will be accepted until June 14, 2020 by submitting a bid to Jeannette at the First Lutheran Church email address, flc@westriv.com. The piano will need to be removed by June 30, 2020.

Sunday School Materials

Sunday School materials have gone out to parents via Remind. If you didn't receive them, and would like to, please reach out to Stacy Boeshans.

Camp of the Cross Updates

- 2020 Summer Camp registration is still open online! Through the generosity of groups and individuals from First Lutheran Church, the registration fees will be fully covered this year for our members. Please contact Peggy Moran @ 462-3919, cell 315-0568 to let her know by May 15th if you are sending in registrations to go to CCM this summer. CCM is making every effort to continue with the summer camp schedule as much as possible. If you are registered and then the schedule would be changed, you will be notified. At this time, we are cancelling all on-site and off-site programs during the month of June. We will be taking the last two weeks of specialty camps and moving them to the week of July 19th. We will be in direct contact with these campers and families. We will be evaluating and planning out the rest of the summer Sundays. They will be either in person or virtual summer Sundays. Please watch for announcements about them.
- PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL is still in the planning stages for June 20, 2020. It will be virtual. Let Peggy Moran know if you have items you would like to donate and above all – put it on your calendars to ATTEND virtually! More details to follow as they become available.

First Lutheran Church Updates

- We will adhere to the order from Governor Burgum for no gatherings of over 10 people until further notice, and continue with virtual church service until the order is lifted. Worship services will be done by Facebook Live. Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- The front door only will be open daily from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to help keep traffic down during this pandemic.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2020

“When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”

– John 10:4–

There is great power in a voice. A voice that shouts can bring numerous conversations to a pause. A shout can startle an unsuspecting individual. A soothing voice may bring calm to the screaming child. Voices are familiar and that familiarity gets our attention. For example, in public I often hear someone shout, “Dad.” I don’t look every time because I know that I am not the one being called. However, when I recognize the word “dad” coming from my son, I know that I am the one whose attention he is seeking.

A voice can also trigger in our minds whether the person speaking is a person we trust. That is one of the issues present in today’s gospel reading. Jesus’ voice is one that the sheep know and trust. Sheep trust the Shepherd with their very lives, expecting the Shepherd to protect them, feed and care for them. Sheep will follow the Shepherd to green pastures and beside still waters (Psalm 23:2). Not all who come to the sheep have their well-being in mind. There are those who willingly or unwillingly lead the sheep to slaughter. We see this today among those false teachers who reject Scriptural teaching and follow the values of the world. Indeed, false teachers play into the susceptibility of those with itching ears who “will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions...” (2 Timothy 4:3).

Of course, Jesus is no ordinary shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Jesus loves the sheep so much that he lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11). Jesus, by his very identity provides for the sheep’s every need. In addition to being the Good Shepherd we know Jesus in these ways:

- I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. – John 6:35
- I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. – John 8:12
- I am the resurrection and the life. – John 11:17

Follow the voice of the Lord, for he is faithful and has given us all that is needed for abundant life now and in the world to come. Amen.