

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Confirmation Sunday

May 7, 2017

### Worship Focus

Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd



*Confirmation  
Sunday*

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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Service of Word and Sacrament

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## OPENING HYMN

436 - 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.

## INVOCATION

### Minister

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

### Congregation

**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus  
Can my heartfelt longing still.  
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus,  
What he wills alone to will,  
For my heart, which he hath filled,  
Ever cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."**

**One there is for whom I'm living,  
Whom I love most tenderly;  
Unto Jesus I am giving  
What in love he gave to me.  
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt—  
Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt. (348:1,2)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** 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 him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**

Luke records the first martyrdom of one of the Good Shepherd's followers. Before he dies, Stephen preaches another of the sermons recorded in Acts.

<sup>ACTS 6:1</sup> In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples

together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)--Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen.

<sup>7:2</sup> To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me!”

<sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup> Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him-- <sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”

<sup>54</sup> When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

PSALM

766 – The Lord’s My Shepherd



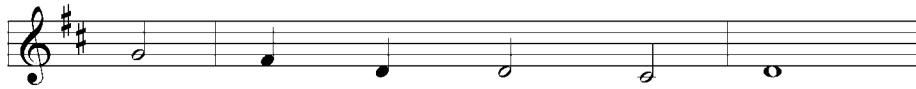
1 The Lord’s my Shep - herd; I’ll not want.  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



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.

*The verses of the hymn continue on the facing page*

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.  
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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.

## SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25

Jesus' sheep sometimes suffer, but never as much as the Good Shepherd did in order to make us his sheep.

<sup>1</sup> Peter 2:19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is 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 tree, 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.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

## GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate through whom all God's flock must pass to enjoy life to its full.

JOHN 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man 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 man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. <sup>3</sup> The watchman 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 they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He 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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

375 - 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 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



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  
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



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.  
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

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!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

## SERMON

John10:14

## You are Jesus' Little Lamb

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER (8:00)**

*The choir will sing the 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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.*

**8:00 Service continues on page 16, marked The Sacrament.**

## **CONFIRMATION (11:00)**

*Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.*

*Those being confirmed stand and approach the altar.*

**Marybeth Isabelle Hamilton**

**Lucas Paul Headrick**

**Deanna Lynette Houpy**

**Valentino Ogiemwonyi**

**James David Shelton III**

**M** Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord’s body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

**M** Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**R** **I do.**

**M** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**R** **I do.**

**M** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**R** **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.**

**M** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** **I do.**

**M** Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**R** **I do.**

**M** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**M** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

**R** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

**M** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

## **PRAYER**

**M** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing these sons and daughters of yours to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both hearts to believe and mouths to confess his saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00)**

*The choir will sing the 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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.*

**M** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

*The minister may lay his hand on the head of each one and speak a blessing.*

*A confirmation text may also be read for each.*

*After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying*

**M** Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son, (+) and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.



# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God' (Agnus Dei). It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you'. The second staff continues with 'take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.'. The third staff begins with 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.'. The fourth and fifth staves continue the melody and lyrics.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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; te, composite.  
 Tune: WIEL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

374 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



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 wand - '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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Tune: RENIGATION (CM D) A *Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832.

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

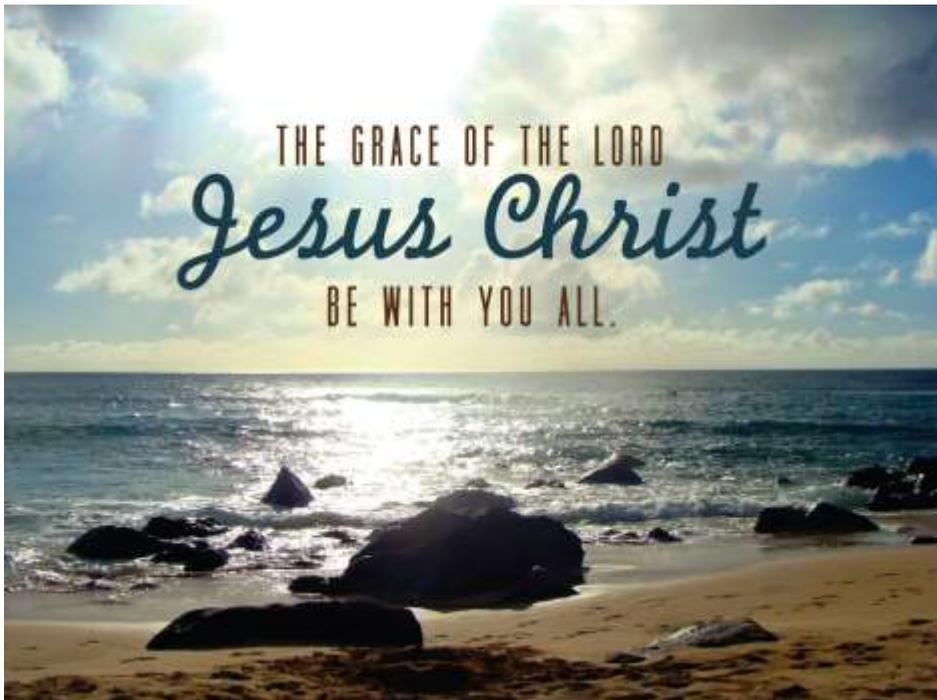
## CHOIR ANTHEM

## A Choral Benediction

*May the light of God shine on us today. May the light of God shine on us today.  
May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray;  
May the light of God shine on us today.*

*May the love of God live in us today. May the love of God live in us today.  
May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.  
May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today. May the peace of God be with us today.  
May it guide us and protect us as we go our separate ways,  
May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,  
May the light of God shine on us today, and every day!*



# CLOSING HYMN

508 - Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Chil - dren all are  
 2 Ten - der Shep - herd, nev - er leave them, Nev - er let them  
 3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them; Fill their minds with  
 4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es Which on earth your



dear to you; May your lov - ing arms en - fold them  
 go a - stray; By your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,  
 heav'n - ly light. By your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them  
 chil - dren sing, With their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



In your care their whole life through. Gent - ly tend and  
 May they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,  
 Al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your  
 Glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, Then with all the



safe - ly keep them In your mer - cy strong and true.  
 thus de - fend them Lest they fall an eas - y prey.  
 yoke is eas - y; Let them find your bur - den light.  
 saints in glo - ry Join to praise their Lord and King.

Text: Jane E. Leeson, 1809-81, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.



The  
sheep  
follow  
him  
because  
they  
know  
his  
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV

