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HOLY

COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED DURING OUR 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: “Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home.” Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words “I am the Good Shepherd” more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING ONE

WORDS OF WELCOME	Elder of the Day
OPENING HYMN <i>“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”</i>	LSB 465
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION	LSB page 151
KYRIE	LSB pages 152-153
HYMN OF PRAISE <i>“This is the Feast”</i>	LSB page 155

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† WORD †

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: He restores my soul.

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

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

People: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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

People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

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

All: 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:19–25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For 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. 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE [Common]

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

“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. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”*

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THE SERMON

“Never Abandoned”

1 Peter 2:19-25

THE CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the whole Church.

People: Through it may the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world.

Pastor: We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd’s care for all of His sheep.

People: Help us to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe.

People: May there be goodness and kindness among all peoples.

Pastor: We pray for our families and everyone in them.

People: Together help us to follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell together in love and unity.

Pastor: We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness.

People: Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You.

Pastor: (Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"),

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Inspire us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

COMMUNION LITURGY

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CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711



THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT
KNOWING IT'S HIM?



THEY WERE EXPRESSING
NORMAL HOSPITALITY!



LUKE 24:13-35

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