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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday



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John 10:14

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome

This is Good Shepherd Sunday. During worship we will learn and pray for ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.(LSSI).

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (water being poured) We thank you, risen Christ for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

ELW #782

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

1st Reading: Acts 4:5-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18 and Message

This will be a video from LSSI President & CEO Mark Stutrud

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Silence for reflection follows.

You may read the lyrics of “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” verse 3 for your reflection.

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling “O sinner, come home!”

(“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” V3)

Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” ELW #608

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Leader will lead the prayer.

Prayer will conclude with the Lord’s Prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Larry Huneke, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, the Anthony Nelson family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Norma, Bonnie W, David Gray, ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, and those serving our country especially Kyle.

Sending

God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

LSSI quiz

What did we learn about LSSI and Good Shepherd Sunday today?

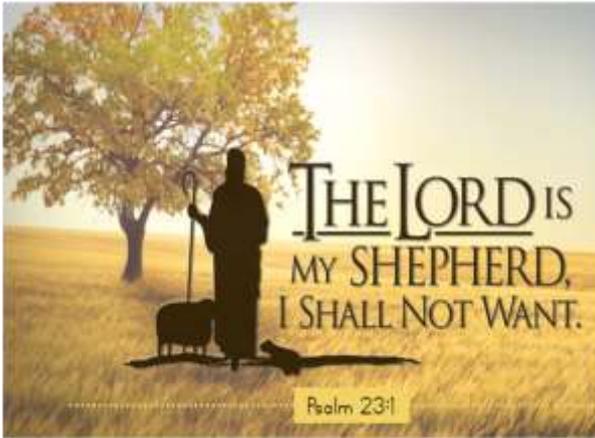
Blessing and Dismissal

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☐ give you peace.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude **“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”** ELW #502



*Announcements
May 2nd (Sunday) 10:30am
Special Congregational Meeting.*

*Attendance April 11th
In-person—13
On-line 31*

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Good Shepherd Sunday 2021

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will celebrate Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday on April 25th, 2021. This is our opportunity to recognize all the people served by the ELCA through our partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). This year, each of the three ELCA synods have a matching grant of \$5,000, so your donation will be doubled by giving now. For more information, visit LSSI.org.

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday, recognizing the social ministry programs we offer together with LSSI. One in every 289 people in Illinois is served by LSSI—a wonderful testament to the way in which we respond to the Gospel. The Northern Illinois Synod has a \$5,000 matching grant available for all gifts made to LSSI for Good Shepherd Sunday.

Our sermon today is offered by Mark Stutrud, President and CEO of LSSI. Once each year, on Good Shepherd Sunday, congregations across Illinois celebrate the social ministry we share with other congregations and the three ELCA synods. Together we provide foster care, mental health counseling, substance use treatment, low-income housing, and residential homes for the disabled. All gifts made to LSSI for Good Shepherd Sunday will be matched, up to \$5,000 per synod. Thank you for your generous support of your Illinois neighbors!



How you can support the mission of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and the people we care for:

- Give generously to LSSI, so we can continue to serve people in need. For information, call 847.635.4617.
- Become part of the Inspired, LSSI's monthly giving program. For information, call 847.635.4617.
- Leave a legacy by helping others far into the future – make a gift to The Cornerstone Foundation. For information, contact David P. Novak at 847.635.4671.
- Schedule a presentation about LSSI and its programs in your congregation by calling 847.635.4617.
- Pray daily for the people served by LSSI and for the LSSI staff.
- Subscribe to Inspired, our bi-monthly newsletter. Send an email to Communications@LSSI.org.