



West Middleton Lutheran Church

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Join WMLC! If you have been worshipping with us and are interested in formally becoming an active member here at WMLC, please see a member following one of our worship services or indicate your intention on our Welcome cards.

Hearing Devices & Large Print Bulletins Available: If you would like to use either of these aids, please speak with an usher.

Restrooms are located beyond the Sanctuary doors and across from the coat racks.

The Nursery is located next to the restrooms. It is staffed by Red Cross certified babysitters for your use on Sundays during the service.



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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Psalm 23 Litany

- L** This has been another busy week. I don't know whether I can focus on worship this morning. Something is nagging at my feelings.
- C** **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**
- L** Life is busy. There seems to be no end to work. I can't relax.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.**
- L** I have bad, painful memories. I am hurting inside.
- C** **He restores my soul.**
- L** I struggle with sin. The good I want to do I cannot do. The evil I do I do not want to do. Who will rescue me from this body of death?
- C** **He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- L** I am getting older and may soon die. Someone I love may soon die.
- C** **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.**
- L** My fellow workers look down on me. My boss gives me a hard time. I have few friends at school.
- C** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**
- L** Life is full of troubles. My health is not as it should be. Where can I find meaningful work?
- C** **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- L** I am worried about the future. Will I meet a partner? Can I repay my debts? Is my business going to fail? Will my marriage last?
- C** **Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.**
- L** Lord, I believe. Help me in my unbelief.
- C** **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**
- L** Amen! It shall be so.
- C** **Amen.**

I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

Feast of Victory

ELW Setting 3

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

I Wanna Be a Sheep

Chorus:

I wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep
I wanna be a sheep
Baa, baa, baa, baa

1. Don't wanna be a goat...nope
Don't wanna be a goat...nope
Haven't got any hope...nope
Don't wanna be a goat..nope *Chorus*

2. Don't wanna be a hypocrite
Don't wanna be a hypocrite
'Cause they're not hip to it
Don't wanna be a hypocrite *Chorus*

3. Don't wanna be a Pharisee
Don't wanna be a Pharisee
'Cause they're not fair you see
Don't wanna be a Pharisee *Chorus*

4. Don't wanna be a Sadducee
Don't wanna be a Sadducee
'Cause they're so sad you see
Don't wanna be a Sadducee *Chorus*

Blessing of the Lector

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

The reading concludes:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 3



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

John 10:11-18

- The Holy Gospel according to John.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading concludes:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Bonnie

Please stand, as you are able.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines, including a triplet of eighth notes. The third system contains the final two lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

The Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

The petitions conclude:

- A** Lord in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those around you.

Please be seated.

Offering

O Lord Most Holy
C. Franck, H. Hopson

WMLC Choir

Please stand, as you are able.

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ELW Setting Three

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- ☒ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Distribution

As a community that believes in the real presence of Christ, all are welcome and invited to receive communion.

Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Please hold the host, then dip it into the chalice to commune. The second chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please indicate to the pastor if you need one.

Lamb of God

ELW Setting Three

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Lord's My Shepherd

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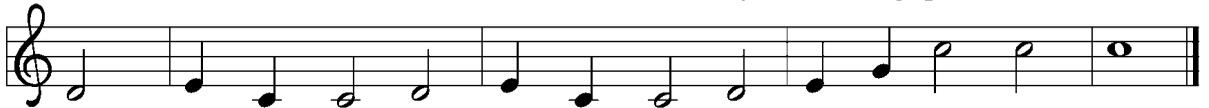
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1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Please stand, as you are able.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
meet a - gain,

Going Forth

- Ⓐ Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen. It's God's work. Our hands.**
- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☩ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- Ⓟ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude