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Divine Service: Setting One

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

OPENING HYMN

Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

LSB 949



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

With upright heart he shepherded them

and guided them with his skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

KYRIE

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



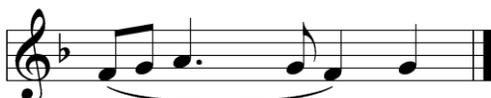
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:22–30***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

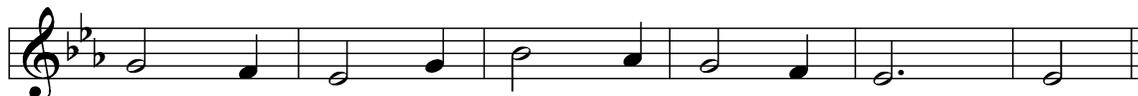
LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!
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SERMON

Salvation – Revelation 7:9–17

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

John 10:22–30

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 159

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

LSB 166



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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May Bible Verse

And if Christ has not been raised,
 then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:14

Our Mission Statement

Representing God's Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



Congregation: Deloris Griffin, Al Hafer, the Hayden family, Lathel Norris, Lindsay Rosenbaum, those recovering from various illnesses, and the Parish Hall Renovation
Shut-ins: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Mary McCoy, James Schoenemann, Lorine Schroeder

Community: Brenham Pregnancy Center, those affected by COVID-19, Faith Mission, St. Matthew's (vacancy)

World: The Ukraine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule

May 8 – May 15

Today:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM Divine Worship Service
Acolyte: Confirmand
Guest Register: Allison Moldenhauer
Ushers: Michael Dieterich Albin Flisowski
Delwin Gaskamp Greg Gaskamp

Monday:

10:00 AM Worship Online

Wednesday:

8:30 AM Sonshine

Thursday:

7:30 PM Men's Club Meeting

Next Sunday:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 AM Divine Worship Service
Acolyte: Confirmand
Guest Register: Destry Pohlmeier
Ushers: Kevin Goessler Stanley Haferkamp
Tom Hayden Craig Kankel

Serving in May: Elder – Paul Richter / Trustee – Billy Ashorn

If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Allison Moldenhauer.



Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Parish Hall is being renovated.

As of **Sunday, May 1st**, the **total amount** of funds and recent donations allocated to the **Parish Hall Renovation Project** is **\$379,610.08**. This leaves a **balance of \$20,389.92** to reach the total project budget of **\$400,000.00**.



Under Renovation

May is Mother Ministry Month!

*LWML invites the congregation to work with **Brenham Pregnancy Center** this month in two ways:*

Baby Shower: *We are collecting new baby items in the basket in the narthex. You can pick up a list of needed items here.*

Baby Bottle Campaign: *Please take a bottle from the narthex to collect money for the Pregnancy Center. A gift in any amount is welcome and appreciated!*

All items must be received by Father's Day, June 19.



Monumental VBS

Registration forms are available on the table in the church narthex. Please **complete the registration form** and return it **before May 22**.

Monumental VBS will begin Sunday, June 5, at 6:00 pm. Monday, June 6 – Thursday, June 9, a meal will be served from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. VBS will then begin at 6:00 pm and conclude around 7:45 pm. On Friday, June 10, we will have our closing program beginning at 6:30 pm.



Prayerfully consider ways that you can use your talents to serve the children of our congregation. **A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the back of the church narthex.** If you have a small camping tent or two small camping stools that can be used with decorations please contact Vickie Ashorn at 979-277-4393 or Lori Schramme at 979-277-5426.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting Summary – April 26, 2022

The Voters met for their second quarterly meeting on Tuesday, April 26th.

Eric and Kristin Berglund and Margaret Holdreith were accepted as members to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Jordan Hardin Ma, Johnathan Hardin and Seth Smitherman were given a peaceful transfer.

The trustees reported that the benches at the amphitheater will be stained and sealed since the benches have been cleaned. The bathrooms will be available during Sunday School and worship services. Sunday school will be held at the basketball court during construction.

Vacation Bible school will be June 5-10 with registration forms are now available in the narthex.

Last Week at Bethlehem

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
04-24 Sunday School	20	\$19.17
04-24 Adult Bible Class	16	
04-24 Worship Service	81	General Fund: \$1,853.00 Phillip Molitor Memorial: \$150.00 Reeves Ham Memorial: \$50.00 Gloria Klussmann Memorial: \$50.00 Raymond Kettler Memorial: \$25.00 Parish Hall Fund: \$2,000.00
05-01 Sunday School	26	\$33.21
05-01 Adult Bible Class	19	
05-01 Worship Service	102	General Fund: \$5,328.00 Parish Hall Renovations: \$4000.00 Sunday School Parish Hall Renovations: \$7,000.00 Memorial Phillip Molitor: \$250.00