MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE
AND I KNOW THEM
The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday
May 9-12, 2019
WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. If you are a guest visiting with us, know that we are thankful you have joined us, and please take a moment to sign the guest register in the entryway.

Large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.  
Hearing assist devices are available upon request from an usher.  
Restrooms In the lower level of the church and also down the school hallway.
If you need a place to quiet a restless child, the service is streamed to a TV in the lower level.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP The order of service for today is printed out for you in this folder. The hymns are found in “Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal”, the red hymnal, “Christian Worship Supplement”, the blue hymnal, or are printed in the folder.

Communion We are celebrating the Lord’s Supper today. What is this Sacrament? It is the receiving of Christ’s body and blood, together with the bread and wine, for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins (Mt. 26:17-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-29). It is an expression of unity among us when it comes to the teachings of Jesus (Jn. 8:31,32). If you are visiting with us today, please speak with one of our Pastors about receiving this Sacrament.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Preaching Minister
Pastor Peter Schmidt

Presiding Minister (G)
Pastor Russell Schmidt

Organists
Amy Noon (M), Rachel Arnold (G)

Handbell Choir
Liz Sand, director
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

To God Be the Glory | **Cynthia Dobrinski**

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep | **436**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray;

C: each of us has turned to his own way.

P: But the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

C: so we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

   For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
   For sins of habit and sins of choice,
   For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

   You should cast me away from your presence forever.
   O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.
P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God the Father | 239

1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
2 Glory be to him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; 
Glory be to him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign! 
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King, 
Glory to the King of nations; Heav’n and earth, your praises bring! 
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!—Thus the choir of angels sings; 
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion!—Thus its praise creation brings. 
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

THE WORD

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:25-31
The Lord uses the picture of an ideal world to highlight the joy and comfort those who are shepherded by Jesus possess.

25 “I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of savage beasts so that they may live in the wilderness and sleep in the forests in safety. 26 I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. 27 The trees will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be
secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the Israelites, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

PSALM 23 (6:45, 5:00, 8:00) The Lord’s My Shepherd | 766

PSALM 23 (10:30) You Renew My Soul | arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

PSALM 23 (9:15) The Lord’s My Shepherd | Stuart Townend

The soloist will sing the first stanza and refrain. The congregation is invited to sing the remainder of the Psalm.
People from all over the world will enjoy fellowship with their shepherd Jesus when, dressed in white robes, they meet their Savior before his throne.

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

14 I answered, “Sir, you know.”
And he said, “These are they who have come 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.
16 ‘Never again will they hunger;
ever again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,’
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
his will lead them to springs of living water.’
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 10:14

P: 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.

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia!
Worship services center around the Gospel Reading; we rise to highlight its function.

P: The Gospel according to John chapter 10.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Jesus’ miracles were part of the evidence that proved who he was...the great Shepherd who keeps his flock safe.

22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. 24 The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | 375

SERMON

Listen to the Voice of Your Shepherd

my * sheep * listen * to
my voice
1 * know * them * and * they
follow me
NICENE CREED

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.

THANK OFFERING

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

MUSICAL OFFERING (9:15)  
All Creatures of Our God and King | Cynthia Dobrinski

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.
P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus | 78

1 O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might, Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite. Ho - san - na! Come and set his people free! He comes to bring sal -

2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How truly blest is he Who in God’s name is coming To save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry, liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (sung by Grades 1-2 at 10:30)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM (9:15) The Good Shepherd | Fernando Ortega

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

By Grace I’m Saved | 384
P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.
BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

1 In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev’ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.
WEEKLY NEWS AND NOTES

The flowers beautifying Menomonee Falls this week are in thankfulness of 38 years of marriage from Joe & Maria Bartz and also from Martha Johnson in honor of Laurie Kitzrow’s birthday and Mother’s Day.

The flowers beautifying Germantown this week are in thankfulness of 14 years of marriage from Kevin & Kristie Mineard.

CALL MEETING UPDATES – On Sunday, April 28th, the Voters of our congregation met and called a pastor and a teacher. Pastor Marcus Schulz was called to serve as our Coordinating Pastor. Pastor Schulz is currently serving at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London, WI. Mr. Kurt Steffen was called to serve as 6th Grade teacher at Bethlehem. Mr. Steffen is currently serving as 6th-8th Grade teacher at St. Paul’s, Muskego. Please keep both Pastor Schulz and Mr. Steffen in your prayers as they deliberate where they can best serve in God’s Kingdom!

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY – Plans are in motion for a Celebration of Ministry Service at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, May 19 in Menomonee Falls with a lunch and short program to follow. We are sad that the following 3 teachers are leaving us:

Mrs. Sarah Schroeder is leaving after 2 years at BLS teaching Gr. 3&4 to accompany her husband to his pastoral vicar call;

Mr. Tim Voigt is moving away after serving as Gr. 6 homeroom teacher and “Discipline Adviser” for 17 years to accept new Gr. 5&6 teaching and A.D. position in West Salem, WI; and

Mrs. Linda Boxill is retiring after serving as our preschool founder and as lead teacher in 3K and 4K for 26 years!

What blessings! Yes, we are sad to think of their departures, but are very joyful for the faithful years spent in ministry here at Bethlehem and at the thought of future kingdom ministry from all of them. So SAVE THE DATE: May 19, 10:30 A.M. Service at Men Falls with a lunch in the gym to follow. More details to come!
“COME AS YOU ARE”  Zach Steinbach, graduate of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School and family member of Bethlehem members, will present a concert and hymn sing along on **Friday, May 17th at 7:00pm at Our Savior Lutheran in Grafton.** For over 15 years Zach has led or assisted in worship music at Crossroads Christian Church in Chicago and Rock of Ages Lutheran just outside Nashville, Tennessee. “Come As You Are” suggests what the music will express, that the Lord Jesus is willing to walk and talk with us in the same way he spoke with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He wants to be with us and to have us invite him to stay. He, in turn, will tell us things that will make our “hearts burn within us,” (Luke 24:32) as we learn how his life, his death and his resurrection have affected every aspect of our life – past, present and future.

The doors will be open at 6:30pm. The concert will be in the main sanctuary. There will also be some light refreshments served in the entry. For more information, contact Sarah Smith at 262-377-6363 or at oslcoffice@wi.rr.com.

**SMART COW FUNDRAISER** – Thank you to all who came to Smart Cow to support Bethlehem! Through the fundraiser, Bethlehem received a check for $300!

**BAM (BEFRIEND A MISSION),** part of the LWMS (Lutheran Womens’ Missionary Society), has a new display board. Missions in Hong Kong, Detroit (Ryan Kolander’s church) and a new church in Little Rock, AR are highlighted. The board will be on display for two weeks in Germantown and later in Menomonee Falls.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHILD CARE** is hiring full and part time WELS staff for both summer and fall 2019. Training, support, and encouragement are provided - just bring your love for Jesus and his little ones. Free child care benefits are available to staff, as well as many other benefits. Please contact the child care office for questions:  (262)257-0408 or childcareoffice@bethlehem-wels.org.

**WELS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK** – We are making plans to organize a group from Bethlehem to attend WELS Night on Friday, July 12th. If you would like to be a part of the Bethlehem group, please do not order tickets on your own! We can take care of ordering tickets for anyone interested in going. You have two options for signing up for tickets:

1. Go to [http://www.bethlehem-wels.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.bethlehem-wels.org/upcoming-events/) and look for the WELS Night Information. There is a link there that will take you to the ticket sign up page.

2. Call or email the church office:  (262)251-3555 or churchoffice@bethlehem-wels.org

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Go Brewers!
**Serving in Worship**

**Ushers:**

**Saturday, May 11th**
5:00 PM  Team 12 – Grodek

**Sunday, May 12th**
8:00 AM  Team 7 – Farrow
9:15 AM  Team 6 – Schilling
10:30 AM Team 13 – Eden

**Saturday, May 18th**
5:00 PM  Team 15 – Grodek

**Sunday, May 19th**
8:00 AM  Team 8 – Maliszko
9:15 AM  Team 9 – Rehlinger
10:30 AM Team 14 – Ruddat

**Set Up Teams (Germantown):**

**Sunday, May 12th**
Team 1 – Brian Eden

**Sunday, May 19th**
Team 2 – Gene Dunnington

**Service Overseer**

**Sunday, May 12th**
Menomonee Falls – Larry Grodek
Germantown – Jeff Mitchell

**Sunday, May 19th**
Menomonee Falls – Len Kasten
Germantown – Jim Affeldt

**Communion Assistants:**

**Saturday, May 11th**
5:00 PM  Ronn Eigenfeld
         Mark Manian

**Sunday, May 12th**
8:00 AM  Gene Strehlow
10:30 AM  Reinhard Liebner

**Greeters:**

**Thursday, May 9th**
6:45 PM  Ray & Donna Lumsden

**Saturday, May 11th**
5:00 PM  Bob & Julie DeNicola

**Sunday, May 12th**
8:00 AM  Chris & Liz Sand
9:15 AM  Jeff & Christa Potratz
10:30 AM  Don & Becky Mallow

**Thursday, May 16th**
6:45 PM  Ann Udvare

**Saturday, May 18th**
5:00 PM  Glen & Shari Benishek

**Sunday, May 19th**
8:00 AM  Gene & Nancy Strehlow
9:15 AM  Chuck & Michelle Wierschem
10:30 AM OPEN

**Church Attendance Last Week:** 1027

**Unified Offerings Last Week:** $37,921.37

**Building Relationships Offerings Last Week:** $2,195.00
The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 12th
Communion Sunday
8:00 AM Worship Service – M
9:15 AM Worship Service – G
9:15 AM Bible Hour – M
10:30 AM Worship Service – M
10:30 AM Family Bible Hour – G
7:00 PM Live Stream Bible Study

Monday, May 13th
6:00 PM Handbells – M
6:00 PM Board of Ed – M
6:30 PM Trustees – M
7:00 PM Choir – M

Tuesday, May 14th
10:15 AM Bible Class – M
10:30 AM Linden Grove
6:00 PM LGP (5-8) – M
7:45 PM Church Council – M

Wednesday, May 15th
6:00 PM Bible Class – M

Thursday, May 16th
6:45 AM Bible Class – M
6:45PM Worship – M
7:00 PM Spiritual Growth – G

Friday, May 17th
Team Olympics Day – G

Saturday, May 18th
8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study
5:00 PM Worship – M

Sunday, May 19th
8:00 AM Worship Service – M
9:15 AM Worship Service – G
9:15 AM Bible Hour – M
10:30 AM Celebration of Ministry Worship Service – M
10:30 AM Family Bible Hour – G
11:30 AM Celebration of Ministry Lunch – M
7:00 PM Live Stream Bible Study

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