

Good Shepherd Sunday

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: May 3, 2020

I AM, You ARE, We ARE the Good Shepherd

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Welcome: LOVE is Risen!

LOVE is Risen in Us! Alleluia!

PRELUDE: Andante in F Major

Mendelssohn

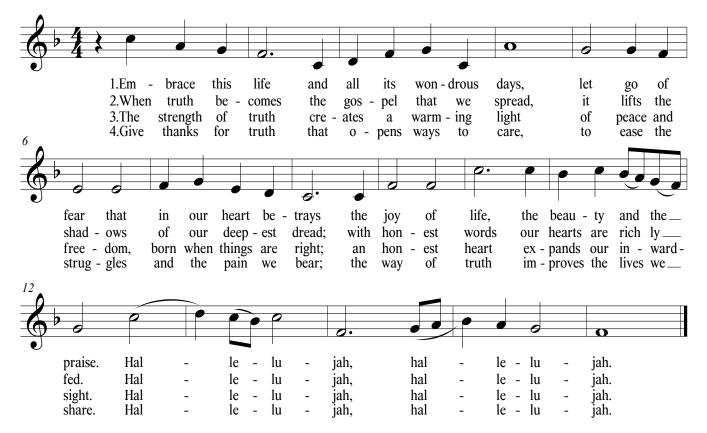
Greeting: The grace of our risen CHRIST,

the LOVE which IS DIVINITY

and the power of the SPIRIT is with us all.

Music: Embrace this Life

Text: Peggy McDonagh; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams - SINE NOMINE



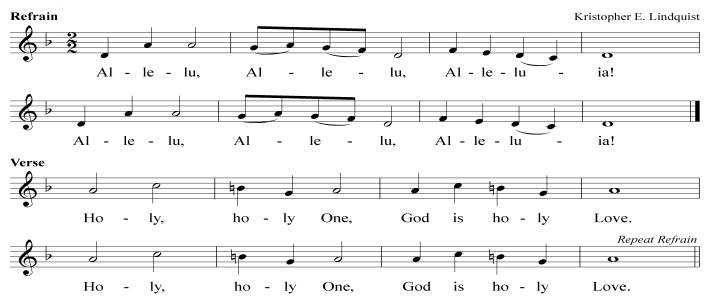
Prayer of the Day:

Living in the midst of the MYSTERY we call God, let us rejoice knowing that we are intimately connected to one another by this MYSTERY, which lives and breathes, in, with, through and beyond us to be LOVE in the world.

Let our attention to the MYSTERY, empower us to give expression to this LOVE which IS God, so that in us goodness and mercy may endlessly flow, so that all may know the wonders of abundant life. We pray in the name of our CREATOR, CHRIST, and SPIRIT, ONE. Amen.

Song of Praise

Alleluia HOLY ONE



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Reading

Psalm 23 - King James Version (Reader: Jane Winstanley)

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousnous

for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SHELTER ME

A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Michael Joncas



- 1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I: to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by. You gave me rest by quiet springs and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.
- 2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way; Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day. I cannot find your peaceful place. But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.
- 3. I will look back in days to come and realize your faithfulness has led me home. Within your house I'll find my peace, trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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Reading: John 10:1-10 (Reader: Barbara Batke)

Jesus said: "The truth of the matter is, whoever doesn't enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep, the one for whom the keeper opens the gate. The sheep know the shepherd's voice; the shepherd calls them by name and leads they out. Having led them all out of the fold, the shepherd walks in front of them and they follow because they recognize the shepherd's voice. They simply won't follow strangers – they'll flee from them because they don't recognize the voice of strangers."

Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they didn't grasp what he was trying to tell them. He therefore said to them again: "The truth of the matter is, I AM the sheep gate. All who came before me were thieves and marauders whom the sheep didn't heed. I AM the gate. Whoever enters through me will be safe – you'll go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.

I came that you might have life and live it abundantly."

Acclamation: Holy Mystery, Holy Wisdom

TUNE: BEECH SPRING - WORDS: Gayle Simonson

HOLY MYSTERY, HOLY WISDOM
WHOLLY LOVE who guides our way,
LOVING PRESENCE, SOURCE OF BEING,
Now transform us day by day.
Words of Scripture tell our stories,
Voices rise in gifts of song,
Calling us to loving action,
Faith-filled as we journey on.

We are partners in creation,
Bound by LOVE to all around,
Seeking justice and compassion,
Sharing truths that we have found.
SPIRIT - Source of Inspiration,
LOVE - our song along the way,
HOLY MYSTERY, HOLY WISDOM –
Source of hope with each new day.

Gospel:

Psalm 23 -- Six Verses of Refuge (Equanimity)

Translated by Rabbi Jamie Arnold

A song for LOVE's sake: מ Mizmor l'David When our LOVE's the guide by-my-side, Adonai ro'i I want for nothing. lo ech'sar. Chase me through lush meadows, ב Bin'ot desheh set me adrift, stretched out varbitzeini on meandering waters al-mei at ease with the current. menuchot time stilling to all but the shore, yinahaleini. Nephesh-soul will recover like the land ı Nafshi yeshoveiv Noah reseeded with vines, revive like Hannah Yancheini spinning grace with tears upon the wheels v'maagleithat grind and bend the arc of justice tzedek revealing Your name's sake. lema'an shemo. Even when I descend ג Gam ki eilech into valleys crowded with figures b'gei of death and disgrace, tzalmavet I will not succumb to fear, now knowing where lo 'ira ra' I am. I am with You, I AM. ki atah imadi. Ancestral staff of family tree in hand, shiv'tevha courage and comfort blossom under the sun, casting shadows revealing time in melodies umishantecha measure for measure, these and these heimah harmonies lay my frets to rest. yenachamuni. Patience and perseverance, playing with polarity, л Taaroch lephanai stand and say, "Send me. Send me before you; shulchan tabling shame and sorrow for tomorrow neged tzorerai that you may feast today, head anointed with oil, dishanta v'shemen LOVE's cup pouring-over the rim with plenty." roshi, cosi revayah. Gratefulness and lovingkindness run me א Ach TOV vaHESED down and up, coursing through my veins virdefuni to live in all my limbs, words and ways, col yemei chavyai coming home at last to sit and sabbath v'shavti in Your ever-presence, here, now embodying, housing beveit Adonai

le'orech yamim.

LOVING CONSCIOUSNESS in time-space-and-soul.

Song of the Day: I Sing the Grace of God Within You

Text & Music: Colin Gibson (permission granted)



Prayers of the Body

Prayer

O God of Sky and God of Earth

An interpretation by William L. Wallace of the prayer Jesus taught: Music: 23rd PSALM by Bobby McFerrin



Song:

God Beyond, Between, Within

TUNE: O Store Gud; WORDS: George Stuart

There are no words by which we catch the myst'ry; Yet still we sing, we praise and we adore; There are no words in which we hold the history Of all creation. We just stand in awe. God is beyond our wildest fantasies; God is beyond, yet we respond. God is beyond exotic ecstasies; God is beyond, yet we respond.

When love is shared and people show compassion, As Jesus did, once there in Galilee, When love is shared and given without ration We show how fully human we can be. God is between, involved in all events; God is between, although unseen. God is between involved in every sense; God is between, although unseen.

Within our souls, the stirrings of our spirit Prompt us to try to make all conflict cease; Within our souls we're conscious of the merit Of gentleness, of love, of grace and peace. God is within to share our human need; God is within; rejoice therein. God is within; our life is blest indeed; God is within; rejoice therein.



God is beyond, between, within – not absent; Not far away, not on some lofty throne; God is beyond, between, within so constant; No gulf to bridge to some angelic zone. This is Good News; we know that we belong; For God is LOVE; for God is LOVE. This is Good News, the everlasting song; For God is LOVE. Yes! God is LOVE.

Blessing

POSTLUDE: A Celtic Prayer, Music by Barry Peters

May the CHRIST who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road, May the CHRIST who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve, May the CHRIST who loves with a wounded heart open up your hearts to LOVE. May you see the face of CHRIST in everyone you meet,

and may everyone you meet see the face of CHRIST in you. Amen, Amen.



Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church 1035 Wayne Drive Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

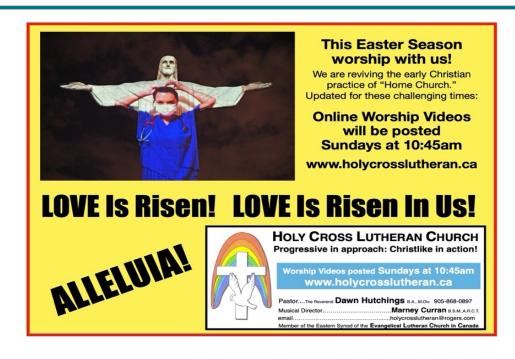
You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.



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A big THANK-YOU from the volunteers at the Outreach Van!

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