



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

INVOCATION *Pastor Ben Oesch*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

OPENING SENTENCES

John 8:12, 1:5; Luke 24:29; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 4:6

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, and the day is almost over. Let Your light scatter the darkness and illumine Your Church.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

with Luther's Evening Prayer

P: We pray together:

ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.

C: Amen!

HOLY SCRIPTURE *Katie Jones, lector*

Psalms 73:23-26

The psalmist, Asaph, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, writes to the LORD:

"I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength—the Rock—of my heart and my portion forever."

Revelation 7:15-17

In the Spirit's revelation to the apostle John, an elder spoke to John about those who now have robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb:

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN # 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

PSALM 23

P: We say and pray God's Word back to Him: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 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.

C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

ALL: Amen!

MESSAGE "The Shepherd's Psalm" text: Psalm 23:5-6

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VOLUNTARY Solo: My Shepherd, My Shepherd *Amelia Oesch* *lyricist: a lamb of Jesus*

My Shepherd, my Shepherd: You lead me and guide me,

My hand is in Your hand; You won't let me stray.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd: By sin I was blinded;

Your voice then did call me, Your voice led the way.

You know me and named me, You quench thirst and feed me,

You bid rest in Your arms and call me Your own.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd: Your love's ever boundless,

A fountain of grace that will welcome me Home.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd: Deep shadows surround me,

Yet fear is not with me; You are the I AM.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd: The sin-wolves had bound me;

My Shepherd then saved me, for He is the Lamb.

My Shepherd Creator, My Shepherd Redeemer,

My Shepherd my Comforter all of my days.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd: Your cross-staff points heav'nward;

The empty tomb assures me. I give You my praise!

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Holy God, every good gift comes from Your gracious hand. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving for Your goodness to us.

C: **Make of our lives a living sacrifice, that we may give witness to the world of the abundance of Your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen!**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN # 878:1-2, 5-6 "Abide with Me"

☩ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ☩

My Shepherd

My Shepherd, my Shepherd

Lead me, guide me

Though blind am I

I hear Your voice

You take my hand and lead me.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd

You know me and named me

Yet, You know my sin — no more!

Your Shepherd's staff became a cross

My Shepherd became the Lamb.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd

I wandered, You sought me.

I strayed, You caught me.

I was enslaved, You bought me.

I was captured, You fought for me.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd

My Creator, my Redeemer, my Comforter,

My Soul Restorer, my Thirst Quencher,

My Fear Destroyer, my Sin Forgiver,

My Giver of the Crown of Life.

My Shepherd, my Shepherd!

~written by a lamb in the flock of Shepherd of the Hills

