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Jubilate Sunday (Make a joyful noise to the Lord)

Today's Theme:

THE SHEPHERD'S SONG FOR HIS SHEEP = PSALM 23 "A Psalm of David."

HYMN 628 v.1-4 (Red Hymnal)

Shepherd of Tender Youth

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – AS FOLLOWS

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[Sing – HYMN 426 (Red Hymnal) ...For each verse]

1. The Lord my Shepherd is, I shall be well supplied.
Since He is mine and I am His, What can I want beside?

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

2. He leads me to the place, Where heavenly pasture grows,
Where living waters gently pass, And full salvation flows.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

C: Oh Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Our Good Shepherd has paid the price for our sins. And so I now ask you before God, if this is your sincere confession, declare so by saying yes. --- Upon this your confession, I, a servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN 783 (Worship Supplement)

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

3. If e'er I go astray, He doth my soul reclaim
And guides me in His own right way, For His most holy name.

CONFESSON OF FAITH, Page 5 (Tan Worship Supplement) - Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching that the MAN Jesus Christ is TRUE God.

4 Yea, 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.

4. While He affords His aid, I cannot yield to fear;
Though I should walk through death's dark shade, My Shepherd's with me there.

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

5. Amid surrounding foes, Thou dost my table spread;
My cup with blessing overflows, And joy exalts my head.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – In the front of Red Hymnal pg. 118

The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). Out of love for God's Word it is for this reason we ask that communicant members of St. Stephen or a sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers.

(Pastor is happy to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.)

HYMN 316 v.1,5 (Red Hymnal)

O Living Bread from Heaven

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

6. The bounties of Thy love, Shall crown my following days,
Nor from Thy house will I remove, Nor cease to speak Thy praise.

BENEDICTION - CLOSING HYMN 436 (Red Hymnal)

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again. Please ask us if you have any questions.

TODAY: Stay for refreshments following the service in the main room/Bible class continues in our Comparative Religion studies

