

Morning Worship
May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit *God Is Here Today*

*Call to Worship Michael Hammer

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

*Hymn 187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Call to Confession

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we

fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide

in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for

Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. Friends, trust the good news of your salvation,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23

New Testament Lesson John 10:11-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

“The Truth About Sheep”

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 836 *Abide with Me*

* Declaration of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Prayers of The People (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine

is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Offertory

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

Prayer of Dedication

God Seals His Word Through the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

Invitation to the Table

Epiclesis (Sung by all, three times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Amen*

* Postlude

Elder in Charge of Greeting

Avery Dickson

Deacons in Charge of Ushers

Diane Hines and Grayson Cauthen

We welcome Beth Maier as our pianist today.

