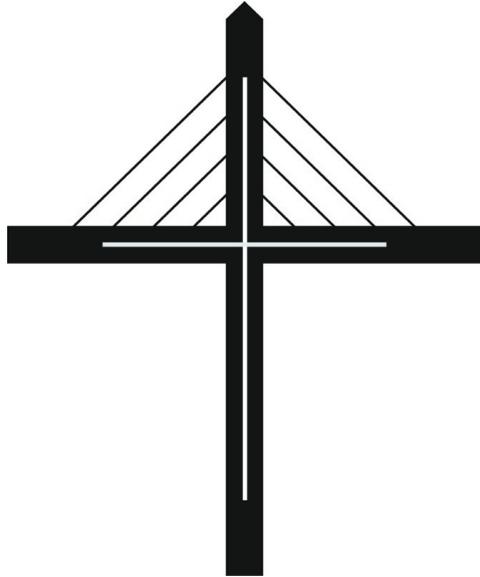


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**May 3, 2020**

**Mother's Day Drive In Worship** – On Sunday, May 10th we will have a 'Mother's Day' Drive-In worship service at 9:00am and 11:00am in the church parking lot. This will be similar to our Easter Drive-In. For everyone's safety, social distancing will be practiced and we ask that no one gets out of their car or come into the church building, please do not bring anyone in your car that is not a member of your household. What a wonderful way to honor our moms and give thanks to our Lord for giving them to us! Let's pray for each other and for a beautiful Spring morning!

**Spring Clean Up** - Bring your rakes, shovels, trimmers and clippers and head on over to church on Saturday, May 9 for our annual spring clean-up of the church grounds. We will work from 9am-noon but any amount of time you can give would be appreciated. **We ask that you please bring and wear a mask and gloves. We are still practicing social distancing. Please retain 6 foot distance from each other. Please let us know if you are coming, so we can safely organize/ or limit the number of volunteers at/for different times.** For questions, you can contact Amy Hoffman at 419-367-3033.

**Giving Option** – Thank you so much for your continued tithing through **Simply giving and via mail**. As a member of Memorial, you now have another option for giving. You can use the Vanco GivePlus Online program to setup one-time or recurring payments. This option is ideal for those who are not currently enrolled in the Simply Giving program or that want to donate any additional payments. Let us know if you have any questions about the program. **If you don't want to take advantage of these options, please continue to send in checks to Memorial to the extent you are able.**

**As we are still moving forward with building work, thank you for staying committed to your giving to the Capital Campaign.**

<b>Contributions Needed Per Week:</b>	\$6,307.25
<b>Contributions Received Last Week:</b>	\$4,553.00
<b>Contributions Pledged thru 3-31-2020:</b>	\$68,656.17
<b>Contributions Received thru 3-31-2020:</b>	\$65,517.35

## Good Shepherd Sunday May 3, 2020

### Call to Worship

P. We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow. This is our God! Let's worship Him together in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

### Opening Song: Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1.
2. **Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**
3. **We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**
4. **Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.**

### Litany of the Good Shepherd

P. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

P. You, O God, are our Shepherd. You provide everything we need. You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams. You renew our strength, and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name.

**C. Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear, for you never are far away—protecting and comforting, guarding and guiding every step we take.**

P. You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies. You welcome us as friends and lavish your blessings on us.

**C. We know that your goodness and unfailing love will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives, and that after our lives here are over, we will spend eternity in your presence. Amen.**

### **Song of Praise: Shepherd Me O God by Marty Haugen**

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, Beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.**

**Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, My spirit shall sing the music of your Name.**

**Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.**

**You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

A. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

### Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the LORD added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### Gospel Song: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

**Halle halle hallelujah! Repeat several times**

### Gospel John 10:1-10

**10** “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.<sup>[a]</sup> They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

## Children’s Sermon

## Sermon

Jesus called those that follow Him, sheep. Why? Sheep have had a bad rep. They are considered stupid and defenseless creatures that hang around not doing much. Because of that being named a sheep doesn't really thrill us—but in reality, sheep are surprisingly intelligent, with impressive memory and recognition skills. They build friendships, stick up for one another, and feel sad when other sheep are missing. They have an emotional response to what they see in the world. Remarkably, they can remember 50 faces for 2 years, according to studies. Their emotions include fear, anger, sadness, despair, and extreme joy. They are also one of the most destructive creatures in our world. They are pretty popular, not only for food and clothing, but for their companionship. In the Bible, the word sheep is used at least 181 times in scripture.

Jesus called us sheep. And for good reason. Jesus made two more important observations about His flock of sheep. They hear His voice, and they Follow Him. That's the beauty of the relationship. I think however beautiful that image, it is also true that sometimes we don't want to do that.

While it is true that His sheep hear His voice, and follow Him...it is also true that sometimes sheep, don't want to be sheep. We don't want to be sheep. We want to know God's will for our lives, but we don't want to really engage in His answer.

Why is this?

Why do we often not hear the voice of the Lord in our life? Let's talk about ears...

The ear is complex. The ear consists of three major sections: the outer, middle and inner ear. Sound is collected by the outer ear and funneled down the ear canal (outer ear). The sound vibrations cause movement of the eardrum and the chain of three tiny bones connected to it (middle ear). The middle ear system serves to intensify the energy of the sound vibrations and delivers them to the cochlea (inner ear). Inside the cochlea are thousands of tiny hair-like cells that connect to fibers of the hearing (acoustic) nerve. Sound vibrations entering the cochlea cause a wave to travel through the fluid-filled organ of hearing. This wave causes movement of the hair cells which then generate electro-chemical signals which travel through the acoustic nerve to the brain where they are recognized as sounds. Even though we know all of that...science says that there is far more about the ear and our hearing that we don't know.

It has come as no surprise to me that men don't hear very well. Maybe, it's just my husband. It got so bad, his hearing, that I asked him to have a hearing test at Costco a couple years ago. He just wasn't hearing me. The result: The doctor said that "his ears were fine." Then the doctor said, that "a woman's voice, her tone is hard for the ear to hear." Trust me, he got a dirty look from me. Needless to say, I wasn't very impressed with this doctor, who blamed my husband's lack of hearing on me. Really? "I think it's just selective hearing", I told the doctor. "He chooses not to hear me, right?"

Researchers in the US have concluded that men only listen with half their brain, while women use both sides."-Dr Joseph T Lurito, Research author. (Now, let's not gloat ladies...they may not hear enough information, but we take in too much information.) Whether that all is true or not, I don't really know. But I do know this: Men and women both have a problem with listening, and this extends to listening to God, too. You can be physically deaf and still hear God speak. Not hearing God speak isn't an ear problem, but a listening problem!

Sometimes its distraction, we are too busy to listen. Writer Charles Swindoll once found himself with too many commitments in too few days. He got nervous and tense about it. "I was snapping at my wife and our children, choking down my food at mealtimes, and feeling irritated at those unexpected interruptions through the day," he recalled in his book *Stress Fractures*. "Before long, things around our home started reflecting the patter of my hurry-up style. It was becoming unbearable. "I distinctly remember after supper one evening, the words of our younger daughter, Colleen. She wanted to tell me something important that had happened to her at school that day. She began hurriedly, 'Daddy, I wanna tell you somethin' and I'll tell you really fast.' "Suddenly realizing her frustration, I answered, 'Honey, you can tell me -- and you don't have to tell me really fast. Say it slowly.'" "I'll never forget her answer: 'Then listen slowly.'" -*Bits & Pieces*, June 24, 1993, pp. 13-14.

Sometimes something gets in the way, like sin. "Can you hear me now?" Remember that commercial? Sometimes we walk back and forth holding our cell phone in all sorts of positions trying to get a reception and sometimes you just can't get a connection. There is some kind of interference. We all have that problem...sometimes we let sin linger instead of turning from it and changing, and it gets in the way of our relationship, our connection.

Maybe we ignore because we think it's not important. Sometimes we think that we know everything ourselves and don't need guidance. I've been there, done that. Ego gets in my way too.

The second observation I have about the text that Jesus stated about His sheep, is that they follow Him. There are several places in scripture where Jesus used the words, "follow Me". He directed this to His disciples as He called them. He passed by Matthew, while Matthew was working as a tax collector and said, "Follow Me." He said, "Follow Me" to James and John while they were mending their fishing nets. Jesus said, "Follow Me" to Peter and Andrew, as they were fishing. Those early disciples did just that...they followed Jesus. Leave it to Jesus to put in such simple language, what His disciples supposed to do.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me": this was my confirmation verse. My father chose it for me, and I'm glad he did. Dad reminded me that God truly knows me, and I am his.

I believe that God talks to us all the time. I know that I miss a lot of what he says, but he knows me and loves me anyway, and keeps trying. I get to keep following him because he never gives up on me. I was watching Caesar Millan, the Dog Whisper the other day. I love this show about how to be the best leader to your dog. Caesar attempts to show dog owners how to lead their pets to be the best they can be. He says that there aren't bad dogs, just bad leaders. We don't always know what to do, and we don't always follow the ways that help us in our relationships with our pets, and I think with each other. In this past episode, this one gal had lovingly rescued a dog, and raised him with her family and other pets. But she felt sorry about how the pet had been treated the first year of its life and was attempting to make up for it the next 2 years by "loving the dog" without training the dog. The dog had turned into an aggressive attacker of family and pets, and her reaction was just to shower the dog with hugs and kisses, never addressing its behavior and allowing the dog to know the difference between good and bad behavior. The dog was running her life. It was hard for her to hear, but she heard and agreed with the Dog Whispers' advice, but really didn't listen and didn't make a lasting change to her own behavior as a pet owner. The family at the end surrendered the dog after he attacked again. It saddened me. How hard it is to transform. We want transformation, we just don't like change and find it hard to follow. But as I was writing this sermon, I was encouraged, because God isn't like us. He doesn't give up, he doesn't surrender us. He keeps talking and guiding and loving us. God never gives up on us, even when we can't seem to listen.

The grace of the Good shepherd is just that, second chances, third chances, a million chances, unending changes. Not only do we have a sense of belonging and being cared for and being loved and forgiven—we have an opportunity to be in relationship, to listen as He listens. And when we fail, He still seeks us out; He never gives us up; He keeps talking; He keeps loving. This is the Good Shepherd, the one who loves us wholly and fully, and never gives us up. We get to follow, to listen, to be renewed and cared for. God give us ears that hear you, and help us to listen and follow. Thank you for your grace and love. Amen.

### **Song: Shout to the Lord**

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You; All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength; Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the (King); Mountains bow down (mountains bow down) and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

**(My Jesus) To my Savior (my Savior), Oh, Lord there is nothing like You; All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love.**

**You're my comfort (my comfort), and my shelter, yes (my shelter), You're my tower of refuge and strength; Let every breath, and all that I am Never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, Nothing compares to the promise I have in...**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Let us sing, yeah, Power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down (mountains bow down and the seas will roar) At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, Nothing compares to the promise I have in You... (Nothing compares to the promise I have in You...) Oh, nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

### **Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of People**

Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you to care for all that are close to us, to protect those who are threatened, to welcome those who are rejected, to forgive those who are burdened by guilt, to heal those who are broken and sick (especially), to share with those who have little or nothing, to take the time to really know one another and love as you have loved us. Lord, our Good Shepherd, in your mercy. **C. Hear Our Prayer**

Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you to spread compassion to those who are far away, to speak for those who are voiceless, to defend those who are oppressed and abused, to work for justice for those who are exploited, to make peace for those who suffer violence, to take the time to recognize our connectedness, and to love as you have loved us. For who or what else do the people of God pray?... Lord, our Good Shepherd, in your mercy. **C. Hear Our Prayer**

Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you and to be faithful to calling you gave us to be shepherds in your name. **C. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

### **Holy Communion**

P. The Lord Be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

P. “Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: ‘Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.’

“In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: ‘Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

#### **Prayer:**

P. When we eat this bread, We claim to be your sheep. We say we know your voice because we claim you as our Shepherd. When we drink this cup, we claim to be your beloved. We say we will follow your ways. Let the words we claim be the life we live. **Amen.**

**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.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

P. May the body and blood of our Savior, the Good Shepherd, strengthen and preserve you unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

P. May the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him.

All glory to him forever and ever! In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Song: Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us/King of Love**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**The King of Love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever And He is mine forever**

**In death's dark veil I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me**

**Dismissal**

**A. Go in Peace and serve the Lord! C. Thanks be to God.**