

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Whether pastor or member, how do we put our own needs above others?

What did the Good Shepherd do that shows he puts our needs above his own?

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you desire a relationship with your pastor?

How do we know Jesus knows us as his sheep?

What comfort do I have knowing Jesus knows me?

4. \_\_\_\_\_

What does Jesus do to feed his sheep?

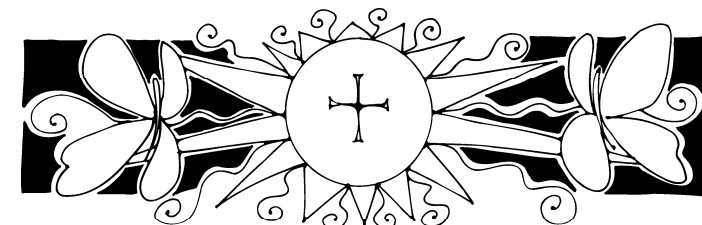
How does Jesus reach out to those of "other pens"?

As Tree of Life makes decisions about their next pastor, what certainty can I have?



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HENRY LETTERMANN



Fourth Sunday Of Easter

**Good Morning!**

Usually we think of name calling as an improper use of our tongues. However, in Jesus' words, he calls us names...not unloving, derogatory names, but names that indicate the relationship of love he shares with us. Today, he calls us Sheep and himself the Good Shepherd. May God bless us as we worship him today!

**Opening Hymn** ..... "Like The Golden Sun Ascending"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 147*

Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth its glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave And death's dismal, dreadful cave  
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.

Thanks to you, O Christ victorious! Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!  
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because you did arise And have opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

You have died for my transgression; All my sins on you were laid.  
You have won for me salvation; On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet you in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And your Holy Spirit send  
That my life and my behavior May be pleasing to the end,  
That I may not fall again Into death's grim pit and pain,  
Whence by grace you have retrieved me And from which you have relieved me.

For the joy your advent gave me, For your gospel's great reward,  
For your baptism which has saved me, For your supper and your Word;  
For your death, the bitter scorn, For your resurrection morn:  
Lord, I thank you and extol you, And in heav'n I shall behold you.

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**"JESUS IS OUR PERFECT PASTOR!"**

How would you describe your "perfect" pastor?

The Perfect Pastor:

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect minister preaches exactly fifteen minutes. He condemns sins but never upsets anyone. He works from 8:00 AM until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. He is 28 years old and has preached 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect minister smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on congregation families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, and is always in his office when needed.

**READ John 10:11-18**

**Jesus is the Perfect Pastor (Shepherd) because...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
- *Exodus 3:13 "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."*

Why is it significant that Jesus says "I AM the Good Shepherd"?

## Welcome to Tree of Life!

*The members of Tree of Life extend to you a hearty welcome!*

*We are a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)). As congregation of this synod, we are striving to be a family where God is glorified and his saving message is shared with all people. We don't claim to be the only saving church, but we do strive to preserve and pass on the truth as it's found in the Bible. We at Tree of Life believe and teach that...*

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, with no mistakes and no errors, his unchanging message to all people of all times:  
**"Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21)**
2. God created people holy and without sin, but by their own choice they disobeyed God and brought sin upon the whole human race: **"Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)**
3. The final result of sin is not only the end of our earthly life, but eternal death and separation from God in the agony of hell: **"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)**
4. The main and central message of the Bible is the gospel - the good news that: **"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but has eternal life." (John 3:16)**
5. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life in the place of every human being, and Jesus suffered the punishment of hell for the whole human race when he died on the cross:  
**"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)**
6. God the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens saving faith in Jesus Christ through the message about him in the Bible, in Baptism, and in the Lord's Supper: **"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the words of Christ." (Romans 10:17)**
7. Christians do good works, not in order to earn a place in heaven, but out of love and thanks to God who has already given them eternal life as a free gift through Jesus: **"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." (Psalm 119:32)**
8. Christians will want to gather together regularly around the Word of God for the strengthening of their own trust in Jesus and for encouraging each other in the faith: **"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the (final) Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)**
9. Christians want to carry out the Lord's great commission to spread the good news about Jesus to others: **"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)**
10. When the Lord returns in judgment on the last day, he will raise all the dead and give the full glory of everlasting life in heaven to all who trusted in him as Savior: **"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)**

*We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation.  
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.*



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## The Common Service ..... *Christian Worship page 15*

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

### CONFESSIO N OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil, and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C: *(sing)* Lord, have mercy on us; Christ, have mercy on us; Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise ..... "Glory Be To God"  
*Christian Worship pages 16-17*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men,  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for you great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

*Continued on next page*

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer,  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.  
**C: (sing) And also with you.**

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sing) AMEN.**  
*BE SEATED*

**FIRST LESSON  
ACTS 20:28-32**

*"As Paul left Ephesus, he encourages the leaders to watch out for those who would attack God's flock."*

<sup>28</sup>Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.  
<sup>32</sup>Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**C: (sing) And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sing) Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Christian Worship pages 25*

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** ..... "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 432*

I am Jesus' little lamb; Ever glad at heart I am, For my shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.	Who so happy as I am, Even now the shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By his angel hosts attended, He shall fold me to his breast, There within his arms to rest.
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Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, he bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

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M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, when ever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sing) Amen.

“O Christ, Lamb Of God” ..... *Christian Worship page 23*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace.

A-men.

BE SEATED

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STAND

“Song of Simeon” ..... *Christian Worship page 24*

Lord, now you let your servant de-part in peace  
ac-cord-ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles  
and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

PSALM OF THE DAY

“The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want” ..... *Christian Worship Hymn 360*

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. My table thou hast furnished  
He makes me down to lie In presence of my foes;  
In pastures green; he leadeth me My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
The quiet waters by. And my cup overflows.

My soul he doth restore again Goodness and mercy, all my life,  
And me to walk doth make Shall surely follow me,  
Within the paths of righteousness, And in God's house forevermore  
E'en for his own name's sake. My dwelling-place shall be.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

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SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 5:1-4

“With a similar encouragement as Paul, Peter encourages those who serve God's people to be faithful shepherds.”

<sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup>not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

C: (sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel Lesson:

**C:** *(sing)* **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**  
**JOHN 10:11-18**

*“Jesus is our Good Shepherd.”*

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

<sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

After the reading of the Gospel Lesson:

**C:** *(sing)* **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**THE SACRAMENT**

**The Celebration of Holy Communion** ..... *CW pages 21-24*



*At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord’s Table.*

*However, since the Scripture encourages us to “recognize the body and blood of the Lord,” “examine ourselves,” and join together as “one body,” we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord’s Table.*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C:** *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** *(sing)* **It is good and right to do so.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name, and join their glorious song:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” ..... *Christian Worship page 22*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,  
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### 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 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 forever. Amen.

### Statement of Belief ..... Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**Hymn** ..... “The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”  
*Christian Worship Hymn 375*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
And he is mine forever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With you, dear Lord, beside me,  
Your rod and staff my comfort still,  
Your cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow,  
My Savior gently leads me,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feeds me.

You spread a table in my sight,  
A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight;  
My cup is overflowing!

Confused and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days  
Your goodness fails me never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
Within your house forever!

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**KID'S CHURCH**

Peter tells the Sanhedrin about Jesus  
*Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade*

**JESUS IS OUR  
PERFECT PASTOR!**

John 10:11-18  
*Pastor Mike Geiger*

*STAND*

“Create In Me A Clean Heart” ..... *Christian Worship page 20*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence,  
and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion,  
and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

*BE SEATED*

**Friendship Registers**

**Offering**

*STAND*

**Prayer of the Church** ..... EASTER SEASON- RESPONSIVE  
*Christian Worship page 126*

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

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