

Good Shepherd Sunday
A Service of Thanksgiving for the Public Teaching Ministry

SERVICE THEME We thank the Good Shepherd for allowing Ann Steffen to feed his sheep and lambs for forty years in the Public Teaching Ministry.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Hymn 375

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

C: ♪Amen.

CONFESSION 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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

♪ 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Hymn 432: 1 & 2

♪ 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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

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: ♪Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:28-32

The Holy Spirit gives us public ministers of the gospel to guard, lead, and feed the Good Shepherd’s flock with his Holy Word.

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. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to

draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. 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.

INSPIRATION IN 7:45 SERVICE

“God is My Shepherd”

by Kerry Pryor and Douglas Nolan

God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. God is my keeper. I’m in his hand.
My every tear He understands. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb.

All we like sheep have gone astray. Each of us turns to our own way.
God is a shepherd who guards His own, Giving His life to bring us home,
giving us life to bring us home.

God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. God is my keeper. I’m in his hand.
My every tear He understands. God is my shepherd. I am His lamb. I am His lamb.

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ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE

“Joy in the Morning”

by Natalie Sleeth

There’ll be joy in the morning on that day, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day,
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
there’ll be joy in the morning on that day.

There’ll be peace and contentment evermore, there’ll be peace and contentment
evermore, ev’ry heart, ev’ry voice will together rejoice,
there’ll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine...will shine (shine upon us) and the
glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.

There’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, there’ll be love and forgiveness
ev’rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored;
there’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere.

There’ll be love and forgiveness, there’ll be peace and contentment,
there’ll be joy, joy, joy, joy...JOY!

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SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 5:1-4

The Chief Shepherd gives qualifications for and directions to his public ministers of the gospel.

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: 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; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: The gospel according to St. John, chapter ten.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd gathers sheep from all nations into his one flock, the church.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 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.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 for 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jerusalem the Golden”

Hymn 728 on back page

SERMON

Luke 22:32

I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

“A Faithful Shepherd is Busy”

Pastor Schmidt

1. Praying for the sheep.
2. Strengthening the sheep.

SERMON RESPONSE

“I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus

Hymn 510

**♪ I pray you, dear Lord Jesus, My heart to keep and train
That I your holy temple From youth to age remain.
Oh, turn my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom's lore;
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.**

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪**And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

C: ♪**It is good and right so to do.**

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

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, 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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: ♪**Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Take and Eat"

Hymn 741

The Choir will sing the verses, and the congregation is asked to join in singing the refrain.

Refrain

**Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.**

1) I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn; I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

Refrain

2) I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free; I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

Refrain

3) I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day. You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

Refrain

4) I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes. You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

Refrain

5) I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide; I am the Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.

Refrain

6) I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride; come to the marriage feast.

Refrain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader"
Hymn 367

SONG OF SIMEON

**♪Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the lord, for he is good.

C: ♪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: ♪Amen.

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

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"In Christ Alone"
Hymn 752

All **In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**

Choir There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

All **No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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ORGANIST
David Koepsell

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Bonnie Baerwald
10:30 ~ Jerry & Diane Fricken



Ann Steffen Biography

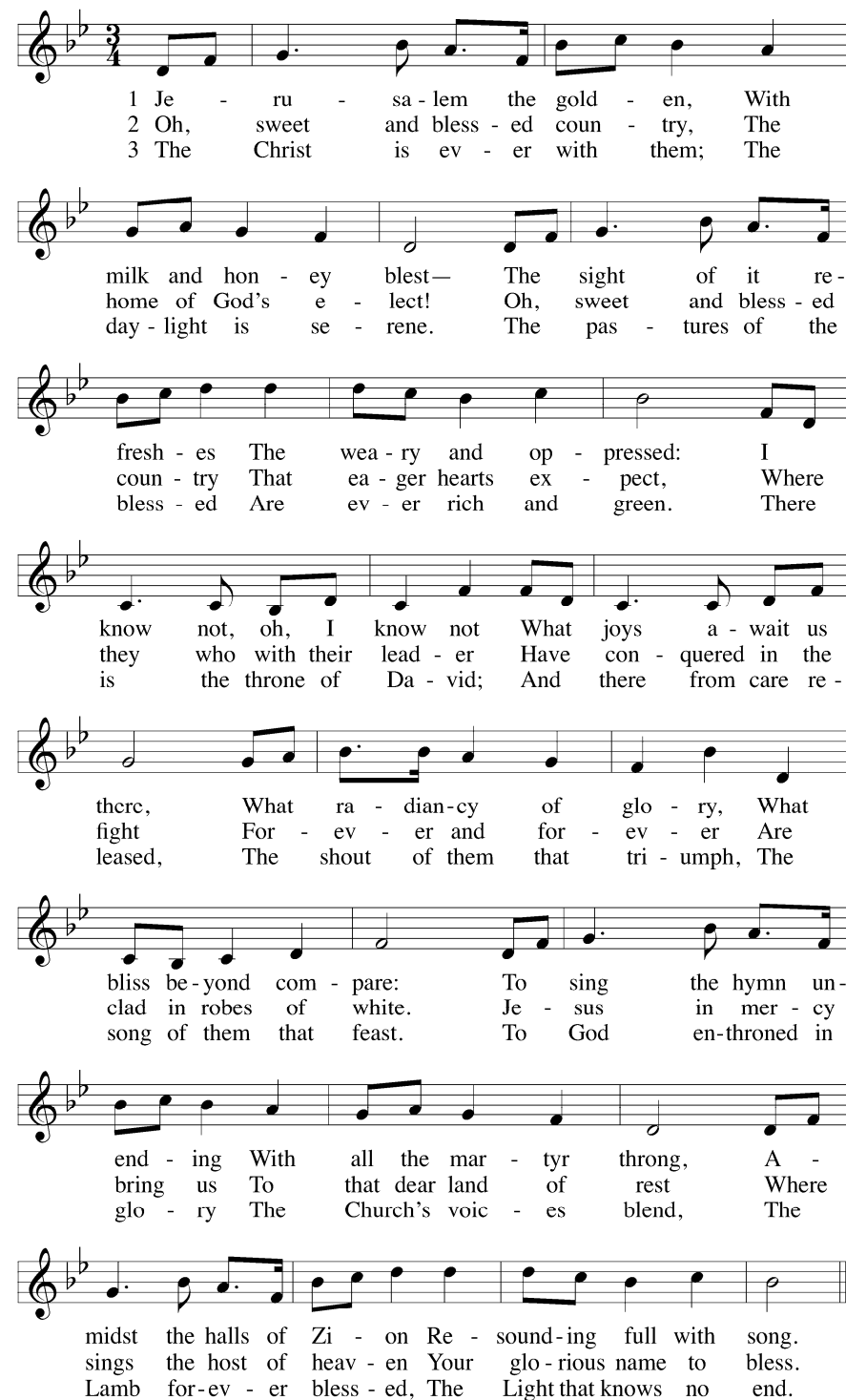
Ann was born in Portage, Wisconsin but grew up in Platteville, Wisconsin with her parents and four brothers. She attended Platteville public schools through the tenth grade when she transferred to Northwestern Prep in Watertown. After she graduated from Prep she went to Dr. Martin Luther College. Upon graduation, she was assigned to St. John's in Two Rivers. She spent three years teaching fifth grade before accepting the call to WLA. At WLA she has taught in most departments, worked in guidance, started the international program, run the library, and coached volleyball, basketball, softball and track. Ann spent four months teaching English in Japan in the spring of 1997 through Kingdom Workers. In 2010 she received her Master's Degree in Social Work from UW-Milwaukee.

Her father was a teacher and coach and having four brothers shaped her interest in sports. Her mother also loves all sports and still shares that interest with Ann. Ann's interests outside of WLA include travel, international and domestic, watching all sports, riding her bicycle, geocaching, ice fishing, and her two cats (not necessarily in that order.) She also enjoys driving bus for WLA activities.

Ann feels so thankful for all the blessings God has poured out on her throughout her life. She recognizes how God has used her students, their parents, family, super friends, and fellow called workers to help her explore God's plan and exercise her faith. To God be the glory.

Jerusalem the Golden

Hymn 728



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry. What
fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
bring us To that dear land of rest Where
glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song,
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.