

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Ginger Frizane, Linda Amstuz, Libby Williams, Nadine Fahrlander, & Fred Will.

Happy Birthday to Joyce Bender, Riley Ratka, Marjorie Hultquist, Ryleigh Hanson, & Suzanne Hayes.
Happy Anniversary to Doug & Shirley Fellers—21 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

“**Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

God of love,
you abide with us;
you provide for all our needs
and guide us in your ways.
Out of gratitude for your care,
we bring our gifts before you.
Use them for your work of caring,
that all may feast at the table of abundance,
walk without fear,
and drink deeply
from the cup of compassion. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“**The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**”

UMH#136

Benediction

The Good Shepherd leads us forward, from this place, into the world to serve God's people, to witness to God's love in all that we do. Go in peace and God's peace will go with you. AMEN.

Postlude

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13 NIV)

4th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

April 25, 2021

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. Please put your names on either YouTube or Facebook. If you have celebrations and concerns, share with us on either one.
2. From the first Sunday of May, following the worship, refreshment at the fellowship hall will be offered. If you would like to use a hymnal, please grab one, bring it in with you, and leave it in the pew when the service is over.
3. On Sunday, May 9, we honor our high school graduates during worship.
4. The mission team will be selling Mother's Day Roses before and after worship today and May 2. If you cannot be here and would still like to purchase a flower, please call Phyllis, 832-2045.
5. There will be the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, 7am–7pm at Minden Exchange Bank Community Room. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Peter.
6. We have many types of cards at the entrance of the sanctuary. Each card is selling only one dollar.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$2,380. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

P: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

L: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

P: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

L: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

P: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH#381

Children's Message

Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

John 10:11-18 (NIV)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

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John 10:11



Message "In Search of Jesus." by Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Gentle Shepherd"

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