



St. Philip's Lutheran Church



Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God, neighbour and self.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prayer

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

WORD

Children's Message

The Little Shepherd (Bijou le Tord)

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] ¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day (verses 1 and 3)

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.



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THANKSGIVING

Prayers

Peace and Offering

Please give generously. Even though we can't pass the offering plate, there are easy ways to give your offering. Which works best for you? PAR, online through CanadaHelps, cheque, or e-transfer? Find all the details at stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

Shepherd Me, O God

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Refrain

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

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

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reminders and Announcements

Our thanks...

We would like to thank the following participants in this virtual worship:

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek, Pastor
 Chris Ritcey-Conrad, Interim Music Director
 The Daly children
 Doug Kearns
 Some members of the Choir
 Pat Lovell, member of the ELCIC National Church Council
 Kathryn Erlandson
 ...and especially to Dave Pascoe, the one who brings it all together!

In our Prayers...

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, Elga Smidt, and the McCutcheon family.

Prayer Requests

Send Pastor Tuula your prayer requests: stphilipstoronto.com/prayer-requests/

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks to those who have given offering. Please continue to support St. Philip's with your donations. Typically, we rely on Easter offering to help pick us up – and that hasn't happened this year. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

Virtual Worship is Reaching Many!

Welcome to our virtual congregation! Our congregation is in different cities, provinces and even countries! While we cannot count attendance like we do in the building, we know:

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Estimate for Video Watched</i>	<i>Website Audience</i>
April 12 – Easter	147	261
April 19	90	130
April 26	92	138

We know that most of the views are more than one person watching. It's amazing the reach we are having! We welcome all to worship with us.

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*