

SERVICE INFORMATION: May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

Pastor Tom Olson; Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran Church

PRAISE AND WORSHIP: Carol Gustafson (Luke traded with her) and Praise Team

HYMNS AND LITURGY: Carol and Praise Team

READER: Pastor Tom will volunteer (because he loves Rev. 7)...Luke out of town.

THEME: Mother's Day: Security, Trust, being Christ's sheep.

PRELUDE: Carol Gustafson

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 23 (NKJV)*

PASTOR: The LORD is my shepherd;

ALL: I shall not want.

PASTOR: He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

ALL: He leads me beside the still waters.

PASTOR: He restores my soul;

ALL: He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

PASTOR: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

ALL: I will fear no evil;

PASTOR: For You are with me;

ALL: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

PASTOR: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

PASTOR: You anoint my head with oil;

ALL: My cup runs over.

PASTOR: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;

ALL: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

HYMN #525 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

CONFESSION OF SIN: *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.*

Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: **Safe Sheep John 10:28** *I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.*

Reader: Pastor Tom

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 13:15&16; 26-33 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak." 16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! 26 "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. 27 The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. 28 Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. 29 When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. 32 "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers 33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'*

SECOND LESSON: *Revelation 7:9-17 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:*

*"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."*

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor

and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes-who are they, and where did they come from?"

14 I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. 16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

READER: Here ends the reading of God's Word.

CONGREGATION SINGS: God be praised, for His glad Tidings!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen

GLORIA PATRI: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is not, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

PRAISE SONGS: songs chosen by Carol Gustafson...sung by "Praise team...Luke, Krista, Jacob, Hannah, Marretta, etc.)

SERMON TITLE: "BULLDOG MOMS"
John 10:22-30; Pastor Tom Olson; May 8, 2022

Beloved, Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Mamma Bear and Bulldog Moms:

I. WARNING: SHEEP HAVE ENEMIES IN HIGH PLACES

John 10:22-26 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

II. INVITATION: SHEEP HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

III. SECURITY: SHEEP HAVE A GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:28-31 "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

“And now may the peace of God, that surpasses all human comprehension, guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen”

HYMN #582 “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

BENEDICTION

SONG: Chosen by Carol

POSTLUDE: Carol Gustafson

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