

5:30 p.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service
Saint Michael Lutheran Church
3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

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The 6th Saturday of Easter

May 4, 2024

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord"

arr. by Timothy Albrecht

Welcome, Announcements & Greetings

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
(vs. 1-4)

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him and pray for His gracious forgiveness.

People: O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have strayed like lost sheep. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally, by Your grace, shepherd us to everlasting life. Amen.

(Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.)

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained 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.

People: Amen.

The First Reading

Psalm 23 (NIV)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

John 10:7-10 (NIV)

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

711



Sermon

“Redeeming Rest: God’s Great Provision”

Pastor Dave Bass

To watch and listen to last week’s sermon online at www.smlcs.org,
click on Church and “Watch the Live Stream.”

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Thought #1: These opening sentences are a declaration to the _____ as to who
is in _____ of the _____ life.

Sermon Thought #2: All throughout the Bible, Jesus refers to Himself as “_____”
_____ _____; _____ _____ _____,” and so our
spirit and soul and our body are fed by His _____ _____.

Thought #3: As the Good Shepherd, Jesus not only _____ us and cares for all our needs,
He also _____ _____ _____ through the valley of the shadow of death.

Offering

"We All Believe in One True God"

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Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

722

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

686

Postlude

"Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

arr. by Mark Sedio

