

10:45 a.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service

Saint Michael Lutheran Church

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The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Welcome, Announcements & Greetings

Opening Song

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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.

Song of Praise

"King of Love"

see music sheet

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.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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.

Children's Message

Song of the Day

"Living Waters"

see music sheet



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

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Offertory

"We All Believe in One True God"

see music sheet

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs

"Good Shepherd of My Soul"

see music sheet

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Blessing

Closing Song

"The Matchless Name of Jesus"

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