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The Good Shepherd

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The Gate

March 23, 2022
1:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

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I AM STATEMENTS

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Theme: I Am The Good Shepherd / I Am The Gate

As We Gather

“I Yam What I Yam” said Popeye the sailor man. It was a way to identify who he was, a sailor man. This Lent our theme will be the great I Am statements of Jesus. Like Popeye, He was identifying who and what He was about. When Jesus says “I Am” He is claiming to be God, and so He is.

Prelude

(1:00) Steve SeGraves, pianist

(7:00) Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn 436 The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own name’s sake.
3. Yea, tho’ I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:Amen.

Responsive Reading

P: We lay before the cross today the bag of silver coins, payment given for betrayal of our Lord Judas handed Jesus over to the authorities, hoping finally to force Jesus to demonstrate His power. The mission of Judas succeeded, but in a way he did not expect, and could not bear.

C: Lord Jesus, it is easier to be unfaithful to You than to give up our desire for earthly power. Help us say “no” to our quest for this world’s kingdoms. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

P: Judas pushed Jesus to bring a kingdom of earthly power, with swords and conquests. Jesus established the Kingdom instead in humility and service, with forgiveness, and with sacrifice. God’s Kingdom came, strangely enough, not through the shedding of enemy blood, but through the shed blood of its Ruler.

C: Lord Jesus, when we are tempted to reshape the Kingdom of God for our own prestige, profit, or power, help us say “no” to the thirty pieces of silver. Help us say “yes” to the cross.

P: Judas wanted a king to take away his country’s suffering. He received a High Priest who chooses to participate in those sufferings.

C: Lord Jesus, the world seeks a life free from suffering. You lived a life made perfect in suffering. Help us say “no” to the way of the world. Help us say “yes” to the way of the cross.

P: Almighty God, you allowed Your Son to be perfected through suffering. Remind us today of our High Priest who meets us in our suffering. In our sufferings, teach us obedience; mold us into His image, we pray. Amen.

Children’s Message - 7 PM

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them

out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.”

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-18

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 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.”

Hymn of the Day

Gentle Shepherd

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need You to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
For we need Your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need You to help us find our way. **(Repeat)**

Sermon

John 10:1-18

“I Am The Good Shepherd / I Am The Gate”

Vicar James Greenwalt

Voluntary

(1:00) Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Dorsey
Kate DeBoer, vocalist

(7:00) The Power of the Cross - Keith & Kristyn Getty
Kit Goslin & Nancy Lesinski, vocalists

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 648

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

Postlude

- (1:00) Steve SeGraves, pianist
- (7:00) Rick Helderop, organist



Thanks and appreciation to:
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for providing special music at the services.

Acolytes

7:00 - Eve Tice and Johnny Friedrich

Ushers

1:00 - Bob Stewart

7:00 - Ken Baetz, captain; Paul Chesna, Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring,
Bruce Helmke, Bill Leahy, Mike Raezler

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring,
Robin Swift, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp

Audio/Video Operators

7:00 - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

Our Lenten Meal Preparers:

(lunch): Michele Margosian

(supper): Women's Ministry

Rev. Randall J. Schlak, Senior Pastor
James Greenwalt, Vicar

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LENT

March 30: I Am The Resurrection

April 6: I Am The Way The Truth and The Life

1:00pm Chapel and 7:00pm Gym/Sanctuary

Each worship service is preceded by a meal

lunch - 12:00 noon;

dinner - 5:30pm confirmands; 6:00pm congregation

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Good Friday, April 15

1:00pm and 7:00pm each day

Easter Eve, April 16

5:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

7:30am with Holy Communion,

9:00am and 10:30am