

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY— Heard any good news lately?

It's out there, but in a world dominated by headlines about coronavirus and civil unrest it can be kind of challenge to find.

Truly, this is nothing new. But it has become even that much more of a challenge in a world of social media where we can receive bad news in "real time," instantaneous broadcast to our digital devices.

Our DIY ("Do It Yourself") VBS and the preaching series that goes with it will be inviting you and

your household into a series of "Bad News-Good News" sorts of stories. Each week, we want to invite you to "SEE" how the Good News of God's steadfastness comes to light in the bad news of the story we're reading. **It is our prayer then, that you and your household might become just a little more equipped not only to look for Good News in the constant barrage of bad news in our world, but also that your and your household might become just a little more equipped to BE Good News for others in our community, as well.**



Here's our schedule for "Good News in a Bad News World"

Sun., June 21	Introduction	Psalm 23 & John 1:1-14
Sun., June 28	Noah's Ark	Genesis 6 – 9
Sun., July 5	Jesus Calms the Storm	Mark 4:35-41
Sun., July 12	Ezekiel & the Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sun., July 19	The Runaway Son	Luke 15:11-32
Sun., July 26	Daniel & the Lions' Den	Daniel 6:1-23
Sun., Aug. 2	Resurrection!	

Question(s) for the Day:

1. What has been the "darkest dark" you've ever experienced? The depths of a cave? An unlit street at night? Did you have any light at all? How much light would've been needed to light that darkness?
2. Think about a time when you received some unexpected good news. What were the circumstances? Who delivered that good news? How did the news change your situation?
3. Mr. Rogers once advised kids and parents, in scary times, to "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." God works in and through people. Have you heard any "helper stories" that might be good news? Have you been in a position of being a helper that might be good news?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

*** BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS—***FOR THOSE OF YOU WORSHIPING AT HOME, WE INVITE YOU TO SET ASIDE SMALL BOWL OF WATER TO SERVE AS YOUR BAPTISMAL FOUNT DURING THIS TIME. CHOOSE A BOWL THAT WILL “REMAIN” YOUR BOWL.*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We pause in silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most Merciful God,

C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. But for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. And lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by the authority Jesus has given his Church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* OPENING HYMN | #858 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

* GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray. (*Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.*)

C O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance.

Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ELW, p. 76)

EQUIP

THE WORD—1st Lesson: Psalm 23

R The reading comes from the prayer book of God's people, the book of Psalms, the 23rd Psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel—John 1:1-14

R The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 1, verses 1 through 14.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

R In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

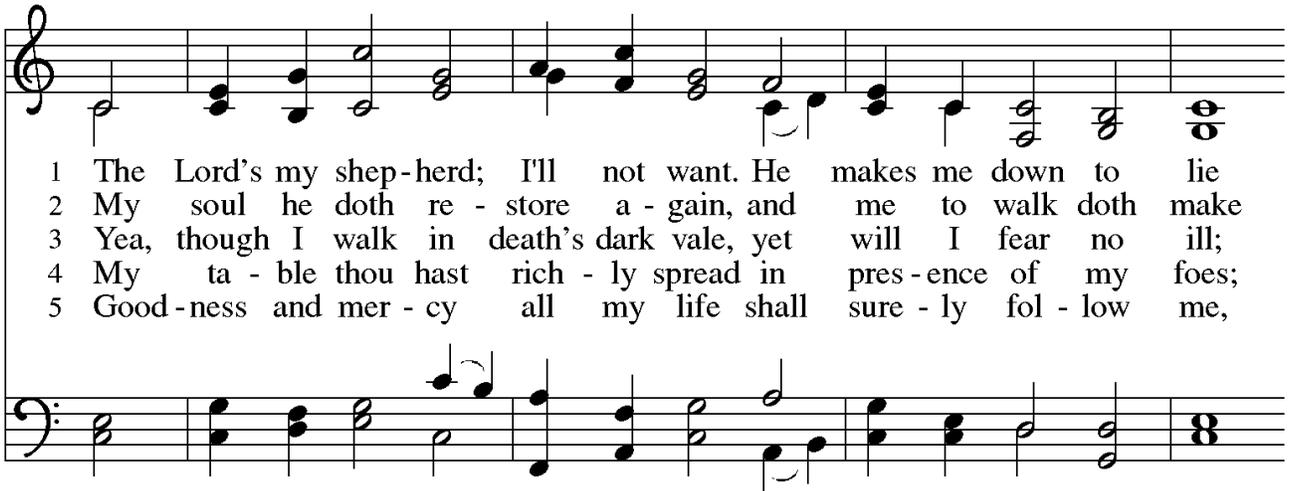
This is the Good News of Jesus.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

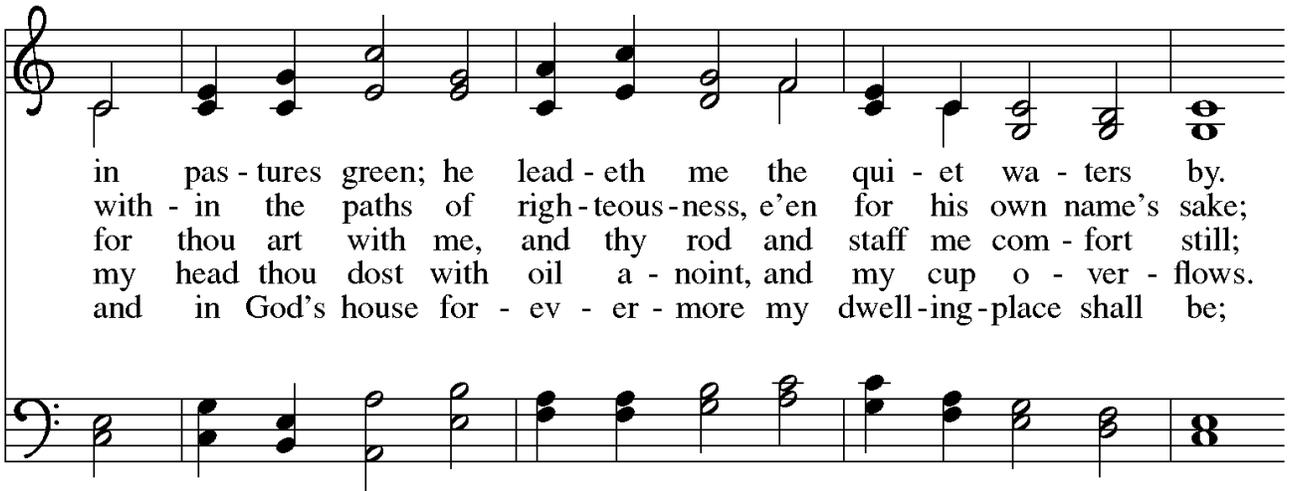
KIDS' TIME—PASTOR KARI

SERMON—PASTOR KARI

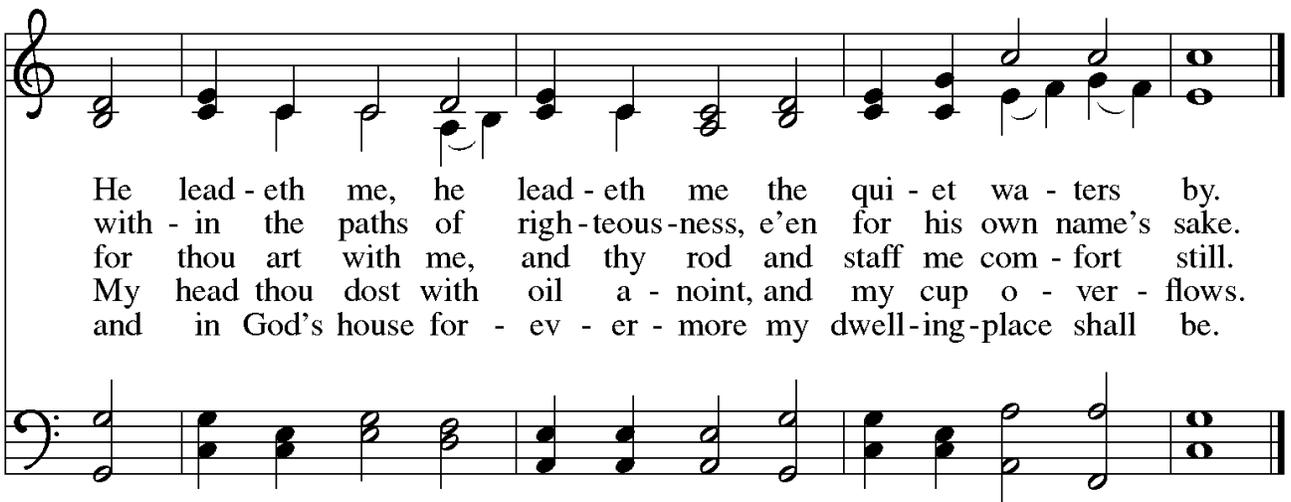
* HYMN OF THE DAY | #778 "THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD"



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



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*** APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH—PLEASE ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LIVEFEED COMMENTS.**

AFTER EACH PETITION, ALL ARE INVITED TO SING THE REFRAIN INCLUDED HERE:

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

L Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs. *The prayers of the Church are offered.*

Our prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC | JUDY PETERSON

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEND

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN | #838 "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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DISMISSAL

P Our worship has ended! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**



OFFERING REPORT—through May 2020

Total giving:	\$ 168,787.66
PPP loan:	\$ 46,800.00
Expenses:	\$ 182,741.39

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

God's grace through you is a sweet, sweet thing!!

Our faithfulness to God's calling, even in this time, is to be responsible for our financial commitments, not least of which include our ministry partners (like the Synod and Camp Onomia); our buildings (including, of course, our mortgage on Trinity Crossing); and of course, our staff! We cannot be faithful to that calling without your trust and faithfulness in your generosity.

There are still any number of ways to give:

- **By Mail**—we have a reliable process for making sure that all offerings are out of the building every single day and deposited right way. It is safe, even with our mostly shuttered building.
- **By Drop Off**—Just to the right of the front doors of the church is a secure mail slot that is only accessible by lock and key on the inside of the church building. *If you must be out and about, you can drop your gifts off in the church mail slot.*
- **On-line**—You can [CLICK HERE](#) to give RIGHT NOW, if you want, and that gift can also be set-up to come in a recurring way. (This is the link you would follow from our website by clicking on the offering plate image there.) This is THE most efficient way of signing up for Simply Giving, which is administered by Vanco, one of the most secure e-commerce companies in the industry.
- **Automatic Withdrawal**—Contact your bank.
- **By App**—Both the Apple and Google Play app stores have a free app called “GivePlus.” Once downloaded to your device, simply search for “Trinity Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN”; follow the directions for registering; and set-up your giving in whatever way works for your faithful generosity, one time, recurring, or whatever.

Thank you again for supporting God's mission for us, even in these times of separation and uncertainty.

FAITH 5



Faith 5 with the Pancoasts TIME CHANGE: 6:30pm

If you have been “tuning in” for our Livestream of nightly devotions following the Faith 5 pattern, **HEADS’ UP FOR A TIME CHANGE.** We’re going to be doing our Faith 5 devotions at 6:30ish PM instead of 7:30ish. That will begin **THIS MONDAY, June 15, 6:30pm.** Even if you haven’t been tuning in, **JOIN US** and

begin developing your own daily practice of faith.

OFFICE UPDATES

As part of the first phase of reentry into our building, we will begin a preliminary return to summer hours:

- We will begin a move back in toward limited summer office hours **TENTATIVELY beginning Monday, June 15.**

- Our reentry to the office will begin with limited hours, as follows:

Monday: 9am – 1pm Liz only, except for Council Mondays (2nd Monday of the month), when at least one pastor will be present. (Mondays are typically the pastors’ day off.)

Tuesday – Thursday: 10am – 2pm Liz will be present in the office. At least one pastor will be in at least TWO of those days.

Fridays—Summer office hours; the office is closed.

- Under Governor Walz’s “Stay Safe MN” Plan, even workers at “Critical Businesses” (and the church is considered a “Critical Business”) “*must telework if you can.*” (www.staysafe.mn.gov)
- This reentry will begin, provided that we can make sure we have adequate supplies on hand to protect our staff and congregation including disposable masks; hand sanitizer; sanitizing wipes; bleach; spray bottles; etc., most of which we already have on hand.
- Office doors will remain locked for the time being until, as with worship reentry, we experience 14 days of declining case numbers.
- **If you can continue to conduct business with the office via phone, PLEASE DO.**
- The pastors WILL offer in-person pastoral care by appointment.

Masks will be required.

Pastor Mike will receive visitors in his office, provided they can maintain a physical distance of 6 feet. (We’ll invite people to come to Pastor Mike’s office through the sanctuary entrance.)

Pastor Kari’s office is too small, so she will receive visitors elsewhere in the building where physical distancing and privacy can be maintained.

In the event that visitors are received for pastoral care, a thorough sanitizing process will occur, wiping down all surfaces contacted by visitors after they have left.

- We will continue to encourage you who might be in higher risk categories to stay home and conduct business by phone.



The pastors will begin developing strategies for conducting home visits in a safe, physically distant way (i.e., at least 6 feet away, outdoors, through a slightly opened window, etc.) but will continue to use their phones for most connections and checking in.

- PLEASE do not come to the office for any reason...
 - ...if you are feeling ill or exhibiting any kind of respiratory symptom (coughing, sneezing, etc.);
 - ...if you have been exposed to Covid-19;
 - ...if you have a compromised immune system (chemotherapy patients, etc.); or
 - ...if you are at a higher risk of exposing others (i.e., nursing home employees, etc.).
- Each work day will end by spraying and wiping down all work surfaces and all entry/exit portals.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE, AND SUPPORT.

Prayer List

Members

Karen Anderson
Dorothy Bergstrom
Florence Botzek, family & friends as they mourn the loss of Ed Botzek
Jim Dery
Susan Deyle
Katey Donais
Marlene Foss
Adolph Hamann
Marlys Hanson
Phil Knapp
Bruce Lacher
Tad Larsen
Del Liestman
Jamie Lundberg
Chellis Matz
Anikka Miller
Jean Miller
Emily Nelson
Ed Peterson
Bev Reed
Warren Reed
Dina Scandinato
Cindy Schmatz
Loren Schroeder
Carol Skare
Matt Skarohlid
Brenda Smith
Anne Stevenson
Eric Strandberg

Joyce Tessmer
Prudence Tessmer & family
Ardy Tourville
Carol Warner
Chuck Warner
Barb Wicktor
Russ Wicktor
Dean Winslow
Ginny Winslow

Family Members & Friends

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)
Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)
Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle)
Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister)
Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother in-law)
Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law)
The Family of Floid Deuel as they mourn his death (Ladonna Olson's brother/Ken & Carol Carling's brother-in-law)
David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)

Kendal Dyson (June Kunkel's nephew)
Rachel Fadden(friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery)
Jan Gale's daughter
Jamie
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law)
Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister)
Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)
Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend)
Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Dery's sister)
Janet Kruetter (Joy Christenson's sister)
Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)
Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller)
Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother)
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)

Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd
grade teacher)
Justin Pooker (Jim & Jan
Dery grandson)
Amanda Ridout (friend of
the Pancoast Family)
Rob Savage (Friend of the
Keller family)
Robin Schmidt (Jan
Gerth's daughter)
Andy Struthers (Maria
Barlage's brother)
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri
Stacy Turner (Marlowe &
Jean Miller's daughter)
Scott Wallin (Char
Kramersmeier's son)
Eric Webster (friend of the
Morisset family)

Ronda Wetzel (daughter
of Andrea & Ron
Sandusky)

Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson
Andrew Barthel
Claire Barthel
Jacob Benver
Brady Beauchamp
Eden Betzler
Ronald Duresky
Riley Forland
Derek Hanson
Anthony Mandt
Zachary Morisset
Ben Noard
Parker Pedersen
Jaden Thimmesch