

Confirmation Sunday 2025

The Six Chief Parts



AS WE GATHER

Today we rejoice in the confession of faith from this year’s confirmation class. We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has called them by the Gospel, enlightened them with His gifts, and sanctifies and keeps them in the true faith through His gifts of Word and Sacrament.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Thy Strong Word

LSB 578 v. 1-2,5-6

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
△ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee

speaking it was done. For created
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the
laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of

light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered sea - sons run.
Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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+ INVOCATION +

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

People: Amen.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1st John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and on the third day He was raised again to forgive all your sins and grant you eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OPENING SCRIPTURES - THE SIX CHIEF PARTS

1. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pastor: God declared to you His covenant, the Ten Commandments

People: Which God commanded you to follow. *Deut. 4:13*

2. THE APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Go and make disciples of all nations,

People: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

3. THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: This, then, is how you should pray:

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. *Matthew 6:9*

4. HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: Repent and be baptized, everyone of you,

People: For the forgiveness of your sins. *Acts 2:38*

5. THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS

Pastor: Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit,”

People: “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven.” *John 20:22-23*

6. HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: “Take eat, this is my body...Take drink, this is my blood.”

People: “Poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” *Matthew 26:26-28*

HYMN OF PRAISE – This is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,
²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
³You shall have no other gods before me...
⁷You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...
⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
¹²Honor your father and your mother...
¹³You shall not murder.
¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵You shall not steal.
¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house;
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

1st Corinthians 11:22-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in

my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will 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.

MESSAGE FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS *Mr. Greg Mueller, DCE*

SERMON HYMN - The Church’s One Foundation *LSB 644, sts. 1-2, 4-5*



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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THE SERMON

THE OFFERING *(Offering plates are located in the back of the church.)*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

R *I do.*

P Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as confessed by the creeds and confessions of this church?

R *I do.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?
R *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
R *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
R *I do.*
- P** Upon this, your profession of faith, I announce publicly that you are now confirmed members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Receive the Lord’s Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing.

Heath Conroy Bull

I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

Lucas James Housby

By grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Loralí Elizabeth Mandle

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household. Acts 16:31

Evan Andrew Wynn

Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

- P** Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus, you have called all of us to be students of Your Word. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might study, learn and apply Your Word to our lives, Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
- Pastor:** We pray for own church, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, that God would grant us His love, His peace and His joy as we seek to share His Good News with our community and with the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
- Pastor:** We pray for those who are hurting or hospitalized, especially... Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.
- Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE 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 who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new

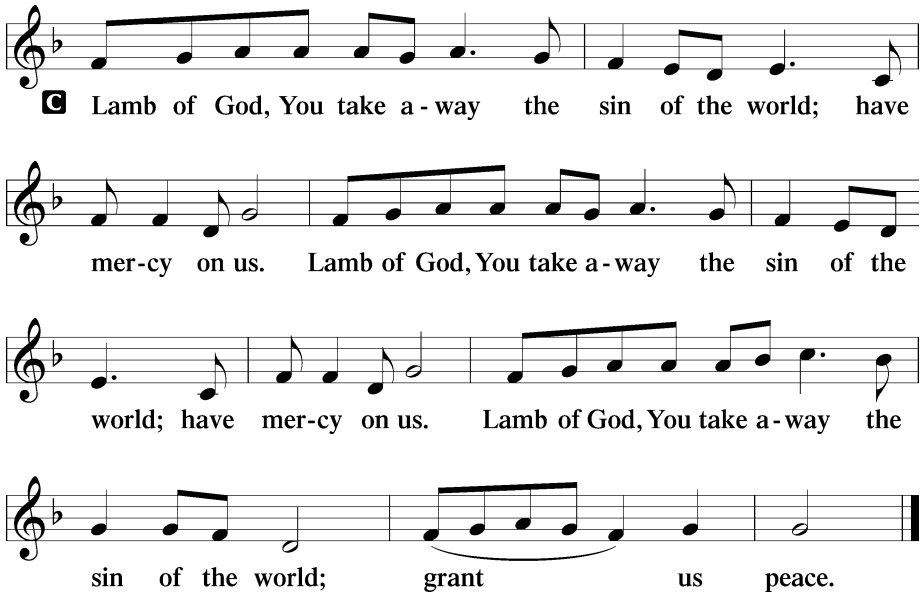
testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

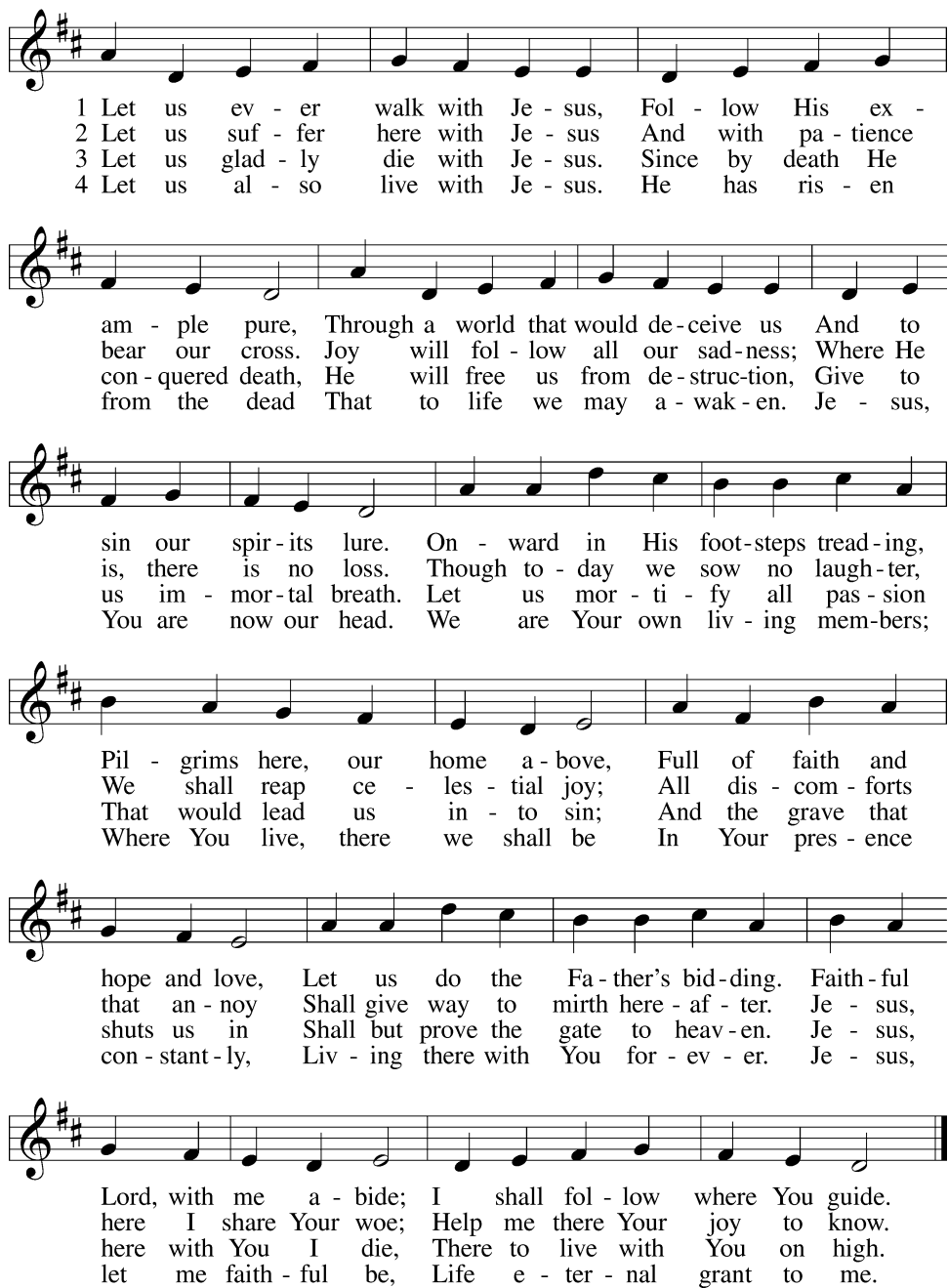
AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus LSB 685



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN - Thine Forever God of Love LSB 687

Musical notation for the hymn "Thine Forever God of Love" (LSB 687). The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are:

1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,

Thinefor - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard-ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819–1913 Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817 Text and tune: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - Almighty God Your Word is Cast LSB 577

Musical notation for the hymn "Almighty God Your Word is Cast" (LSB 577). The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are:

1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -

seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the

heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt. Tune: The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1562, London Text and tune: Public domain

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord LSB 164

Musical notation for the Post Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord" (LSB 164). The melody is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are:

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

sts. 1-4

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SERMON SERIES
FOR MAY

PSALM 23

THE LORD IS
MY SHEPHERD



MAY 10-11 GREEN PASTURES &
STILL WATERS
PSALM 23:1-2

MAY 17-18 THE VALLEY OF
THE SHADOW OF DEATH
PSALM 23:3-4

MAY 24-25 GOODNESS &
MERCY
PSALM 23:5-6