

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - “*My Shepherd’s Sabbath Song* ”  
by C. Kreutzer.

**HYMN 812** - *we sing, standing*

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**EASTER DIALOG**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen in-  
deed! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, **for He has  
done marvelous things.**

The Lord is my strength and my song; **He  
has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; **His  
love endures forever.**

This is the day the Lord has made; **we will  
rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the begin-  
ning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**GREETING, followed by PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, merciful  
Father, since You have wakened from  
death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant  
us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the  
voice of our Shepherd we may know Him  
who calls us each by name and follow  
where He leads; through the same Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**FIRST LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to  
God!**

**PSALM 23** - *see insert - we sing, seated*

**SECOND LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to  
God!**

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**  
*we sing, standing*

**GOSPEL** *(bulletin back page)*  
*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!*  
*After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

**HYMN 711** - *we sing, seated*

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES’ CREED** - *hymnal, back cover*

**10:30 - BAPTISMAL HYMN 592 v 1, 2, 3**

**10:30 - page 268 - SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY BAPTISM**  
*Tristan Matthew Merrow*

**10:30 - BAPTISMAL HYMN 592 v 4, 5**

**OFFERTORY** - *The Sunday School Children  
sing “We Thank You Lord for Mothers” by  
Beth Mochnick (10:30).*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**  
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**COLLECT**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 838** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - “*Hosanna in the Highest*” by  
*Christopher Gale.*

NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar Flowers** this morning are from the  
Greenhalgh's in honor of all mothers and May  
birthdays. Happy Mother’s Day!

**Baptized** this morning is Tristan Matthew  
Merrow, son of Matthew and Andrea  
(Schrumm) Merrow.

**Last Sunday Here**

Attending: 92      Offering:

**This Week Here**

Mon - 6:00 PM - Ladies Night  
Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study  
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir  
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir  
Sat - 9:00 AM - Quilts of Valor

**VBS** will be held here July 7 - 11. We need  
volunteers to make this a successful  
program. There are many areas that we need  
help in. Please sign up on the bulletin board  
next to the fellowship hall!

**Ladies Night Out**--the ladies of the church  
are invited to dinner, Monday, May 12th at  
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will  
also have the pleasure of Dr. Merwin from

the LWML New England District joining us  
and she will give a 30-minute presentation  
after the meal. Please sign up on the sheet  
located on the bulletin board.

**Tag Sale** - The Youth is having a Tag Sale  
at the church on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be look-  
ing to the congregation for help to sort and  
price items. **We are currently accepting  
donations**, so if you are doing some spring  
cleaning, please consider donating to our tag  
sale.

**Sunday School** - This week, students will  
study “A Servant Speaks.” The Twelve se-  
lect Stephen as one of the first seven dea-  
cons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders  
twist Stephen’s words, falsely accusing him  
of blasphemy. Stephen’s testimony before  
the high priest recalls Israel’s rejection of  
God’s promise and their rejection of Jesus,  
the promised Savior. When Stephen says he  
sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right  
hand of God, the enraged officials cast Ste-  
phen out of the city and stone him. As a  
family, consider discussing, “How does the  
death of Stephen affect the other believers?”

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep** Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Fa-  
ther and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us  
and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls  
His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow  
Him, “*they will never perish*” (John 10:28), for “*no one is able to snatch them out of the  
Father’s hand*” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “*care  
for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28), “*testifying both  
to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Acts  
20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in  
worship, as they cry: “*Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the  
Lamb!*” (Rev. 7:10).