
4th Sunday of Easter

Victorious over Confusion!

May 3, 2020

SERVICE FOCUS

We live in the information age. We have access to information instantly. Constantly. That's a blessing! But it's also challenging. Sometimes the information we see and hear is conflicting. We're left confused, wondering what to believe. Who can we trust? This Sunday in the church year is particularly helpful when it comes to answering that question! On this Sunday we spend time contemplating the imagery of Jesus as shepherd, not of sheep, but of people. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. In our meditation today we will spend time considering how Jesus' Easter victory brings clarity to the confusion we face in life.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord this morning, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service.

Lord Jesus, this morning – and all of history – is about you. Please help me worship you with an undistracted heart. You know how my mind wanders to my upcoming week, present worries, and thoughts of others and distractions caused by other things. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on you and your glory. May your Spirit cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to exalt your Holy Name in my singing, listening to your Word, giving to your work, and interacting with your people! Fill me with your Word of life through worship, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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VICTORY OVER WEARINESS!



OPENING HYMN

"In Christ Alone" performed by Keith & Kristyn Getty

INVOCATION

m In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

m Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Is this your confession? Then answer: Yes.

C **Yes.**

m God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

m O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

Lesson: Psalm 23

¹The 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, ^aI 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Will Wait for You” performed by Keith & Kristyn Getty

SERMON

JOHN 10: ¹ “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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ 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. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

m Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

m The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

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Announcements:

Wednesday Night Bible Study, online @ 6:30PM!

FOMO. Fear Of Missing Out. That is a powerfully motivating kind of fear. How much of what you do is motivated by the fear that if you don't, you'll miss out on something? You may not even know what that "something" is but you don't want to be without it! This kind of fear is powerful. How do we master it, overcome it? We're taking it to the Lord in prayer and a deeper study of his Word! You can be part of the study this Wednesday at 6:30PM online at:

www.fb.com/ctkpalmcoast/videos or www.ctkpalmcoast.com/live-sermons

faith > fear

Sunday School Resources – Available Online Now!

Do you have a child in grades VPK-2nd grade? Or 3rd-6th grade? Check out the Sunday School resources that Christ the King is producing for at home spiritual learning for your child! You can download this week's learning packets at:

<https://www.ctkpalmcoast.com/bible-study-sunday-school>

Weekly Survey of Members & Friends of Christ the King

As part of our effort to strengthen communication and coordinate care among our church family for the people of our CTK community, CTK's Council and Elders are inviting input and feedback through a weekly survey. Your feedback is important and helpful! Please take a few minutes to fill out this week's survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAaG6aV7Kpm_8DglPUmuhz6DasjnLzQ9I14_m6AtjXAg7UQ/viewform

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Finding Joy in Your Journey

As our country and community takes steps toward re-opening, you may be excited, or apprehensive. You might be both simultaneously. How can you handle the rollercoaster of emotions that uncertainty brings? In Sunday morning bible study, we're looking to the example of the Apostle Paul. He was facing an uncertain future, yet found reasons to rejoice, even while he was imprisoned and awaiting trial that would determine whether he would live or die. If you're looking for joy or wanting to experience more of it, you won't want to miss the bible study series on Sunday mornings: Discovering Joy on Your Journey. We're meeting via Zoom videoconference platform. If you need login details, e-mail Pastor Jay: jzahn@ctkpalmcoast.com

