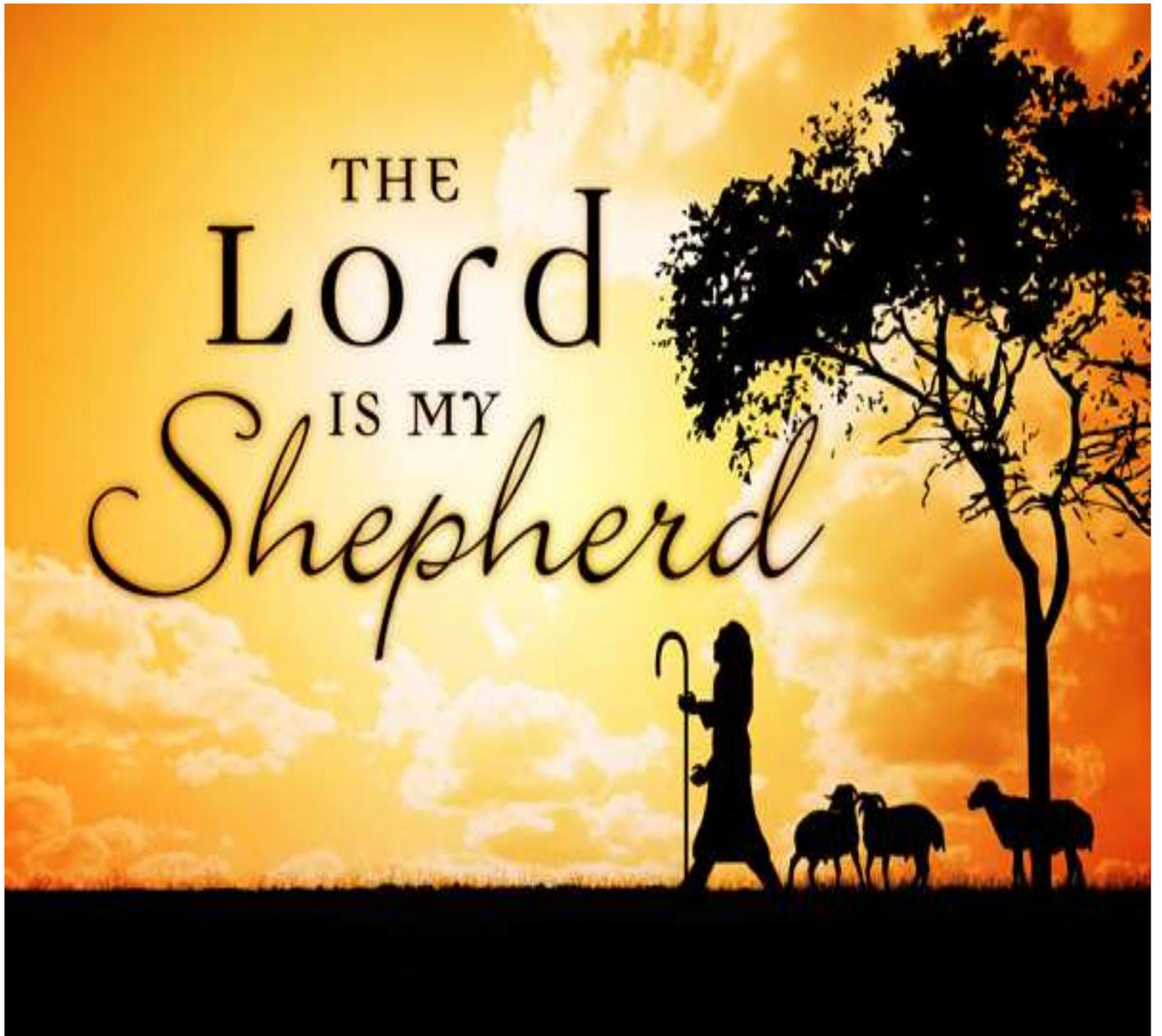


THE
Lord
IS MY
Shepherd



May 12, 2019

9:45 AM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise Team

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - Hymn #647

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
A-men, A-men, A-men!

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

PEOPLE For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

LEADER Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

PEOPLE Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

LEADER Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation the place where thy Honor dwelleth.

PEOPLE For the Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

LEADER Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

'We're Marching to Zion'

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion.
The beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God,
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly field,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

INVOCATION

PRAYER RESPONSE

'Lead Me, Guide Me'

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk, each day with Thee.
Lead me O Lord, lead me.

HOLY SCRIPTURES – Psalm 23 (NLT)

LEADER ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

PEOPLE ³ He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

LEADER ⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

PEOPLE ^{5a} You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

LEADER ^{5b} You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

ALL ⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue.

THE DECALOGUE

LEADER Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

PEOPLE God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice Your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

LEADER Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."

PEOPLE Jesus also challenged us to live justly with a second commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as ourselves! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI (ALL)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION – ANGEL CHOIR

GUESTS WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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THE PREACHED WORD

INVITATION *to form a relationship with God, with other people & with the church*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. - 2 Thessalonians 3:18*



Bethel AME Church
Pastor Juan N. Tolliver

Sermon

Date: _____

Text: _____

Title: _____

What are the main points or the key message of the sermon?

Notes

What questions do I have as I hear this sermon?

How can I apply this message to my life?



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12, 2019

MINISTRY PHOTOS FOR BETHEL'S COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: It is PHOTO time for the Commemorative Book. Beginning Sunday, April 28, immediately after 10:00 am Worship Service, Renaldo Pierce will be taking photos of our Bethel Ministries for the Commemorative Book. Ministry photos may be taken through May 12. Individual, family or other group photos will be scheduled at a later date. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to have all ministries and all members represented in the book. You may contact Raye Adkins at radkins@satx.rr.com or 210-317-6769 with questions or to sign up.

Sign up immediately for the Sunday you want to take your ministry's photo. Our goal is to take 3 sets each Sunday and not have an overload on the final day. Please sign immediately for the date of your choice.

Thank you for your assistance in recording and recognizing the great Ministry work at Bethel.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION: The Christian Social Action Committee's top priority is a Voter Registration drive for the 2020 Election. Our goal is for all members of the ministry to become Deputy Voter Registrars. We urge members of the congregation to follow suit. A Deputy can register voters in groups rather than one by one.

The Bexar County Election Department has classes monthly. The next class is May 14 at 10 a.m. at 1103 Frio St., Suite 100. Please call 210-335-6625 for more information. Bethel AME could register hundreds if not thousands before November 2020.

The next CSA Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10:00 am.

BETHEL SCHOLARSHIP: The Applications for the 2019 Bethel AME Church Scholarship are due Monday, June 3, 2019. The scholarship application is available on the church website and in the church office (Should we list office hours?). I know that we are going to be upgrading the website; however, I hope that we can post it now so that it is easy to find.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Youth ages 4-12 are welcome to attend Children's Church every 1st & 4th Sunday of the month @ 10:00 am in the Beasley Brown CC. The youth will participate in engaging, fun activities that will impact their lives both spiritually and socially. ***Parents must complete a permission form for each youth that attends.***



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Info and announcements to be included in the Worship Guide should be sent to the church's email address by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Info not received by the deadline may not be included until the following week.

CONTINUAL PRAYERS: *"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." – 1 Thessalonians 1:2*