

Today's Scripture Readings

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have

been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

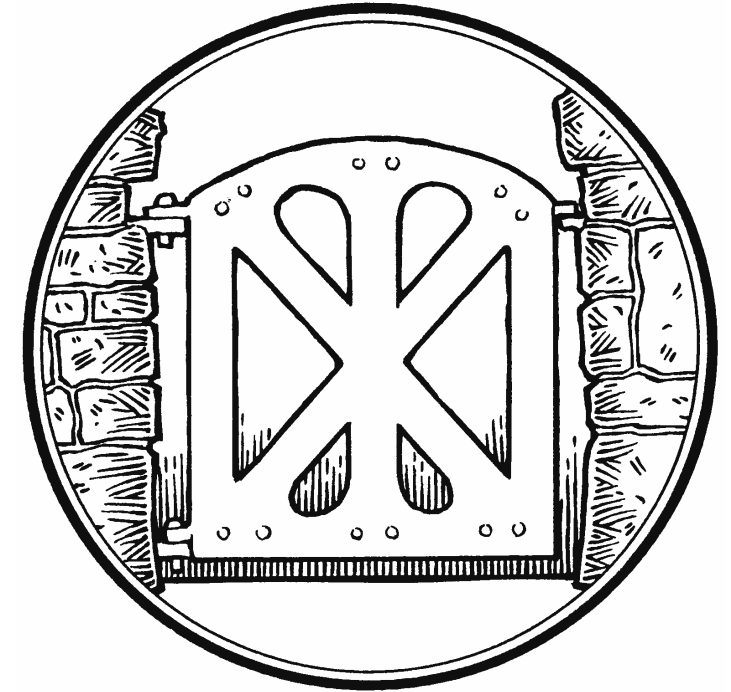
¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *April mission of the month, House of Hope, Madagascar.*
 - *Peace among nations and safety for all in the Middle East.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *Ellie Klein, undergoing testing.*
 - *Jean Estrello, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Jim Knepprath, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Norm Taylor, recovering from surgery.*
 - *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*
 - *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*
 - *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, recovering from surgery.*
 - *All who are battling cancer:*
 - *Jessica Dolezal*
 - *Debi Verbage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*
 - *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*
 - *Jayne Cotter*
 - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
 - *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*
- Please also keep in prayer*
—*our Seminarians Luke Konkkel & Andrew Harrill;*
—*Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;*
—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*
—*our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Cascade and Rev. Richard Bidinger;*
—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*
—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep."

John 10:1-2

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Though we *“were straying like sheep,”* the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins *“in His body on the tree”* (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His Resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we *“have life and have it abundantly”* (John 10:10). Now, through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His Name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the Feast of His Table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also *“hear His voice”* and *“know His voice”* (John 10:3, 4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in *“the apostles’ teaching and fellowship”* and in *“the breaking of bread and the prayers”* (Acts 2:42).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **John 14:2** *“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #633 — *“At the Lamb High Feast We Sing”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Lev. 21:1-24; Luke 12:1-12 **T:** Lev. 23:1-22; Luke 12:13-34 **W:** Lev. 23:23-44; Luke 12:35-53 **Th:** Lev. 24:1-23; Luke 12:54—13:17

F: Lev. 26:1-20; Luke 13:18-35 **Sat:** Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44; Luke 14:1-24

Sun: Num. 3:1-16, 39-48; Luke 14:25—15:10

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Easter 5* (May 3):

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

Greeter — June Fischer

Elder — Chris Neumann; Usher — Mark Mathe

Altar Guild — Hayley Buchholz, Jr. Altar Guild — Greta Marks

Cantor — Choir; Acolyte — Esau Schommer

Organist — Mrs. Terry Ourada

Pastor — Rev. Paul W. Marks

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b



I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD,*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving,*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down,*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

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.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands,*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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