



## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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## We Set Our Minds on the Things of God

This day we are often reminded how Jesus is the Good Shepherd that cares for His sheep. However, in the Gospel, Jesus gives us another different and vivid picture of Himself: as a door. He says, "I am the Door of the sheep . . . If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" (John 10:7, 9). Jesus is the only way to salvation; as His sheep, we look only to Him and listen for His loving voice alone. What a contrast there is between a thief, who would never use the door properly and brings only destruction, and Jesus, the Door, who brings abundant life.

## PREPARATION

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*John 10:14-16*

- P** Our Lord Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, I know My own and my own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."  
**G** **And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one Shepherd.**

## Confession and Declaration of Grace

*Isaiah 53:5*

- P** Isaiah the prophet declares "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on [our Savior Jesus] the iniquity of us all."  
 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**G** **Lord, we truly have wandered away from our Shepherd like lost sheep. We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet You sent Your Son Jesus to be our Savior. Since Jesus is also God Himself in human flesh and blood, He has become our true Shepherd, going out into the wilderness to find us when we were lost and who then brings us home rejoicing. Forgive our wandering sins, Dear Lord, and let us rejoice every day over the Savior who has found us when we were lost.**
- P** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**G** Amen.

## Introit

*Ps. 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.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## PROCLAMATION

### First Reading

*Acts 2:42–47*

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual***adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 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 under his feet.**

**Epistle***1 Peter 2:19–25*

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For 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. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When 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. He 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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Verse***Romans 6:9, John 10:14*

**C** **Alleluia. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**

**I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel***John 10:1–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good

shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666

1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,

seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!

And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y

tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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**Sermon**

*Shepherds and Sheep and the Door*

# PRAYER

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, let us lift up our prayers before the Lord, saying, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for this congregation, that we may know afresh an assembly that shares with each other, meets together often for the breaking of bread, and lives with glad and generous hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for those who suffer and for those who bear the burdens of others, especially for those who do so to follow Christ, who left us an example that we should follow in His steps. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for God's kingdom coming, taking seriously that the Lord has other sheep who are not of His fold and that He wants us all to be one flock with one Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for those who are thieves and robbers, who care nothing for God's sheep, that they also may enter through the Door to the sheepfold. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for those who are caregivers, that they may see in their time shared with others Your calling to sustain us as we live for others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for the sick and suffering, [*especially . . .*] to receive Your promise of powerful and effective healing as well as Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Blessings and honor and power and glory be to our God forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

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1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!



## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- G** Amen.

## Announcements

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Please continue to send your tithes and offering to the church office, counting is continuing on a regular basis. Also email any prayer requests that you would like included in the Prayer of the Church and sent out on the prayer chain.

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PEOPLE REALLY  
UNDERSTAND ALL  
THESE *SHEPHERDING*  
METAPHORS?



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DOORWAY TO ALL THAT  
IS NEEDED FOR THE  
*ABUNDANT LIFE*!



SO, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO COUNTS  
THE PEOPLE *ENTERING* AND *LEAVING*  
THE GROCERY STORE!



JOHN 10:1-10



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