



*I lay down My life for the sheep*

# Fourth Sunday of Easter - Confirmation

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Our Good Shepherd

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

### Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### Worship Information

**Parents with Young Children:** We encourage families to worship together.

**Worship Bulletin:** Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

**Worship Form:** There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

**Communion:** Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

### STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

#### BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion

 **Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.**

- **TO PREPARE:** Please use the Christian Questions with Their Answers from “The Sacrament of the Altar” on page 329 in the front of the Lutheran Service Book. You are not obligated to partake if you feel, for whatever reason, the need to refrain from the Lord's Supper for a short time.
- **Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

John 10:11-18: Jesus taught His disciples and, by extension, we as His people, that He is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. What can stop the witness of those who no longer fear death? Every enemy has been vanquished by the Good Shepherd. What Good News this is for our comfort and all of the sheep not yet in the fold. So, boldly share the Good News that there is a very Good Shepherd in the Risen Jesus Christ who came for the sake of all of the sheep.

**Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).**

## **WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS**

**HYMN**            "Beautiful Savior" AGP 70

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

**INVOCATION** *(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *1 John 3:16a, 24; John 10:11, adapted*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: By this we know love,

**People: that He laid down His life for us.**

Pastor: “I am the good shepherd,” says the Lord.

**People: The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

Pastor: Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.

**People: And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and self-examination.)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

**People: 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;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**FIRST READING** Acts 4:1–12 (*Peter and John witness before the council.*)

BACK OF BULLETIN

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**EPISTLE** 1 John 3:16–24 (*Love one another.*)

BACK OF BULLETIN

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

**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 10:11–18 (*Jesus the Good Shepherd*)

BACK OF BULLETIN

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

The King of Love my Shepherd is,

Whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His

And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

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

## **SERMON**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for  
us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where  
You lead, and receive what You provide through Your  
grace and mercy; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.**

*Additional petitions may follow.*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all  
for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your  
Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#### **rites of confirmation**

*Kolton, Keely and Anna - please rise.*

**Pastor:** Kolton, Keely and Anna have been instructed in the  
Christian faith and desire to make a public affirmation of  
their Baptism.

Brother and Sisters in Christ,

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and  
made you a member of His Church. In the community

of God's people, you have learned God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have received instruction in the Christian faith as it is taught in God's Holy Word and summarized in Luther's Small Catechism.

According to rites of the Lutheran Church and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, we now ask you to reject sin and to confess your faith in Jesus Christ. Then in professing your faith, do you desire to become a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ by continuing to be in the Word and Worship and be fed by the Lord's Supper as well as be a witness to Jesus in your lives.

**Kolton, Keely & Anna**                    **I do, with the help of God.**

Pastor:            Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? Then answer: I Do.

**Kolton, Keely & Anna**                    **I DO!**

Pastor:            Do you believe in God, the Father?

**All:                I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor:            Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All:                I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit And born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor:            Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All:                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!**

*Congregation rises for the responsive prayer.*

Pastor:            Let us pray for them affirming their Baptisms, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death, Lord, in your mercy,

**All:                hear our prayer.**

Pastor:            That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

**All:                hear our prayer.**

Pastor:            That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy:

**All:                hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; Lord, in your mercy:  
**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All: AMEN!**

*Congregation is seated. Confirmands remain standing.*

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism by being a disciple of Jesus and following His commands:

- **PRAY** without ceasing
- **WORSHIP** weekly – to hear His Word and share in His Supper.
- **READ** the Bible
- **SERVE** at and beyond Beautiful Savior as God calls you to serve Him and others
- Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage spiritual growth in others, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through your words and deeds
- **GIVE** of your time, talents and Resources (*Power Surge by Michael W. Foss*)

Then please answer: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**Kolton, Keely & Anna: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit You have made Kolton, Keely & Anna Your very own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, that their mind and heart will be opened to the Scriptures and Your Word. Daily increase in them Your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**All: AMEN!**

*(Kolton, Keely and Anna will come forward and kneel with their family as the following prayer of blessing is spoken over them with the laying on of hands. The parents and sponsors (Godparents) may also participate in the laying on of hands and offer a prayer, a blessing or a song.)*

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering and bring him/her to everlasting life. Amen!

(After the laying on of hands and blessing, they will share their Confirmation verse & project/essay theme.)

### **Kolton Cisewski**

**Baptized:** November 11, 2007

**Confirmation Verse:** Proverbs 12:27

**Art Project:** I chose Proverbs 12:27 because I can relate to that verse. I like to hunt and fish and it talks about not being lazy and having the drive to go and scout for wildlife signs and look for fish cribs. You have to be motivated to hunt and fish and just not think the trophy is going to just come to you. You have to go out and get it.

### **Keely Ann Lipke**

**Baptized:** June 24, 2007

**Confirmation Verse:** Micah 7:19

**Art Project:** I picked this verse because Jesus will always forgive us, and to me, the verse means that anytime He will clear our sins and have compassion on us. Knowing that comforts me. (See additional description next to her photo collage).

### **Anna Peters**

**Baptized:** March 18, 2007

**Confirmation Verse:** Psalm 147:4

**Essay/Poster:** I chose this verse because we are God's children and He named us just like He named the stars. He also loves us unconditionally and is always there for us. When I look at the stars at night it is a reminder of everything God has done for us.

## **HOLY COMMUNION - PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was

betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you. Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** "The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,

One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,

As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will

On our behalf the Law to fill.

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, he dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **“Be Still, My Soul”**

**LSB 752**

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fulness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**LSB 709**

The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

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

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

**The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”**

**LSB 710**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor:           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 ✠ give you  
                      peace.

**People:**       **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“I’ve Got the Joy” AGPS 140

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay  
And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,  
And it's a feeling here to stay! And it's a joy that needs  
Revealing, So I just want to say:

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay  
And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,  
And it's a feeling here to stay! And it's a Love that needs  
Revealing, So I just want to say:

I've got the peace that passes understanding  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
I've got the peace that passes understanding  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay And it's the greatest, grandest feeling,  
And it's a feeling here to stay! And it's a peace that needs  
Revealing, So I just want to say:

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay

## **SENDING**

**Pastor:** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**FIRST READING** Acts 8:26–40 (*Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.*)

**PSALM** Psalm 150

**EPISTLE** 1 John 4:1–11 (*An exhortation to lives of Christian love*)

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 15:1–8 (*Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.*)

**First Reading: Acts 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Calaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide

in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."



**About the Cover:** With patient and loving care, Christ looks upon each and every sheep in His flock. Such care above all else is demonstrated in that He laid down His life for us and took it up again three days later. Since He was willing to die for us upon the cross and lives today, surely He daily cares and tends to our needs as our shepherd in order to guide us into life everlasting.

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