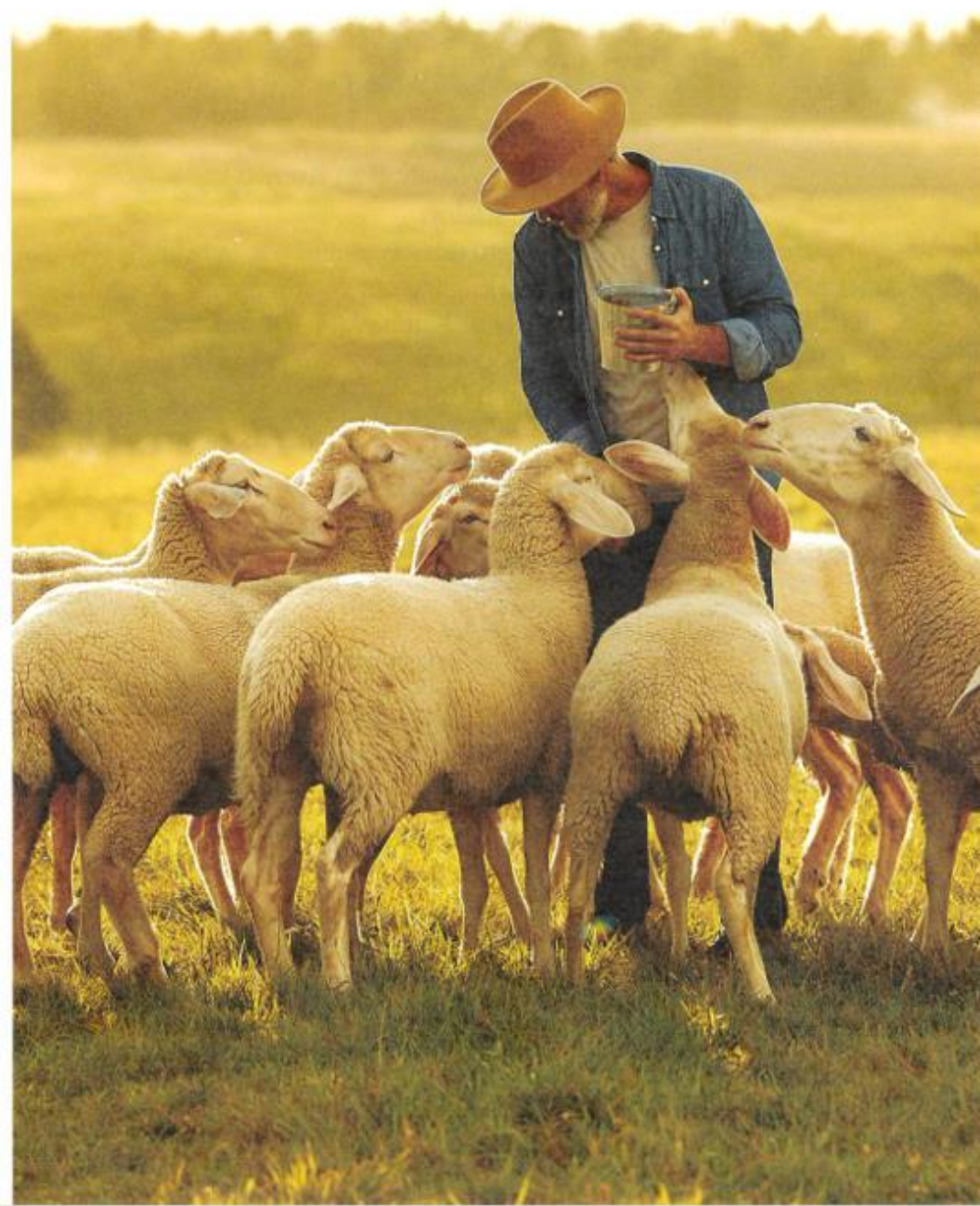


Pay careful attention . . . to all the flock

Acts 20:28



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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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.

- **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-- In our world of constant change and abundant challenges to our faith, we often feel alone, and fear causes us to question where God is and what He is doing. Our Good Shepherd has pledged never to abandon us but to be with us always. More than this, He has promised that no one can snatch us from His hand. He is the powerful Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Because of the investment He has made in us, He does not surrender us to temptation, trouble, trial, or test.

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WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

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

 **HYMN**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

“Father Welcomes” LSB 605

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24*

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: **we have turned every one to his own way;**

Pastor: and the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross

People: **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Silence for reflection and examination.

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

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we 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 an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.
Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 20:17–35 (“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock.”)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 23* (The LORD is my Shepherd)

EPISTLE *Revelation 7:9–17* (The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be
their Shepherd.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:22–30* (No one can snatch the sheep out of
the Shepherd's hand.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth 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

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Father, You have shown Your goodness and mercy in providing for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and to lay down His life for His sheep. Grant us Your grace that we may hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, follow where He leads, and live in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, Your Son has raised up undershepherds through whom He provides His care and protection, guarding us by His Word and nurturing our faith by His Sacraments. Make us attentive to their voice that we may be kept from danger and secured in the truth so that nothing can snatch us from Your hand. Thank you for Pastor Leech accepting our call to serve at Beautiful Savior. Please guide and direct their move in the month ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, we have seen Your goodness in the still quiet waters and rich green pastures You daily and richly provide. Give us wise and grateful hearts that we may receive Your grace with thanksgiving and treasure them in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, Your watchful care is supplied for us in the governments and leaders of our land. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your Word and will work for peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, shepherd the sick and suffering to healing and relief that they may know Your presence in trouble and Your peace in trial. Hear us especially for [*names*, and] all who stand in need of Your grace, and keep them to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, give comfort and hope to those who are bereaved, that we may be consoled with the knowledge that those who die in Christ live forevermore. [Hear us especially for *names*, that they may be sustained in their hour of grief by the hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting.] Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, as Your Son has provided us the food of heaven and the cup of salvation in the communion of His own body and blood, make us ready to receive this gift through repentance and faith, and help us to show forth in our daily lives the fruits of this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of mothers, the women who nurture us, guide us, and love us unconditionally. On this Mother's Day, we lift up our mothers and grandmothers, and all those who have played the role of a mother in our lives. Bless them with your love, strength, and peace, and help them to know the deep joy of their impact on our lives. We ask for your continued blessings and guidance upon all mothers, that they may continue to live lives of love, compassion, and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

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

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful” LSB 955

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507, vs.1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. He grants us to lie down in green pastures and leads us beside the still quiet waters of His love. He restores our souls for His name's sake and covers us in the clothing of His own righteousness. Though we walk in the valley of the shadow of death, we are not afraid for You are with us. The rod of Your Word and the staff of Your Sacraments are our comfort and our peace.

People: Amen.

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 Cor. 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 “Lamb of God” LSB 210

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their
 Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those
 who intend to go to the Sacrament.



NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Children of the Heavenly Father”	LSB 725
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”	LSB 594
“Have No Fear, Little Flock”	LSB 735

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and
 ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast
 in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have
 given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of
 Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith
 throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His
 coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the
 marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.

People: Amen.

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.



HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Acts 11:1-18
EPISTLE Revelation 21:1-7
HOLY GOSPEL John 16:12-22

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

April Financial Recap:

April Givings (Thank you!):	\$14,958.55
Monthly Need:	<u>\$17,812.08</u>
Shortage:	- \$ 2,853.53

Parking Lot Project: \$69,538 Goal: \$100,000 (\$17,430 remains on the \$50,000 loan.)
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Scrip Profit from 4/28-5/4: \$26.75	LWML Loose Change: \$12.00
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Life Quotes: **May 11** “As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
• lutheransforlife.org

CALENDAR:

Tuesdays—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

Tuesdays—4:30-6pm, Grief Share

Fridays—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study—**NO CLASS May 16th.**

May 13—Governance Board Mtg. 6:30pm

May 17—**Spring Clean-up Day, 9am-12pm**

May 18—Congregational Meeting (State of the Congregation, mid-year mtg)



Call Process:

Update: **Pastor Joseph Leech** has accepted our call to serve as the next Pastor at Beautiful Savior! Installation will be **Saturday, June 7th at 2:30pm**. More details will be shared as plans are solidified. Praise God!



Grief Share Classes: Tuesdays, 4:30-6pm through June 10th. Pastor Dan is facilitating, and the topic of discussion on May 13 is “Grief and Your Friendships.” You might be tempted to avoid

interacting with people because they don’t understand what you’re going through. But relationships are crucial to your healing. This week, you’ll discover how other people can help you deal with changes, the importance of having realistic expectations of others, and how to talk with people who are uncomfortable with grief.

Friday Study: Pastor Dan is leading “You are Never Alone” based on the book by Max Lucado. This study explores Christ’s miracles and how He is still at work in our lives. There will be no class May 16th, but class will resume May 23rd with lesson 9: Paid in Full.

Spring Clean-Up Day at Church: May 17th, 9am - noon. If you are able, please join us as we clean up

outside, wash windows, put away winter items, vacuum pews, deep clean the pastor’s office...Let’s make our church shiny again!



Congregational Meeting: May 18th after church (next Sunday): Agendas for the meeting are available in the narthex. Please make every attempt to attend this mid-year meeting.

Final Sunday School for the school year: Also May 18th-- They will have their annual “Sundae” school treats during class!

Welcome
Committee



Pastor Leech Welcome Committee: If you are interested in serving on a welcome committee for the Leeches, please let Teresa know in person or call or email the office. We are looking for people to coordinate a meal or reception following installation, a collection and/or gift from the congregation, and other ways we can welcome Pastor and Gayle to Beautiful Savior and Plover.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 5/11/2025 – 5/17/2025

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named):

Family of Art Holford; Schultz Family; Family of Sharon Hughes; Family of Lynda Helmrick

Situations:

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA (those struggling with alcohol and other substance abuse), those struggling with mental health

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Sandy Wagoner

Hospitalized/Recovering:

Circuit 17:

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); **Prayers of thanksgiving as Pastor Joseph Leech has accepted our call to serve at Beautiful Savior**

Shut-ins: Mary S.; Anita C.

Birthdays:

5/13 Roxanne Deater

Baptism Birthdays:

5/12 Alivia Jagielo

5/13 Jim Barge

Anniversaries:

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center

Camp Luther

Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School

Immanuel Lutheran School

Future Lutheran High School

Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan

J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family

Orphan Grain Train Center

Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

***Please let us know if you
have any prayer requests –
Thank you! ***

May 11-17, 2025

Week 20 “Bible in a Year” Questions:



Numbers 20-26:

1. What did God command Moses to do in ch.20, what did he do instead, and what was his punishment?
2. What led to the bronze snake in Numbers 21:4-8? Where have you seen a similar symbol used today?
3. Who were Balak and Balaam (ch. 22)? Did Balaam do what Balak had summoned him to do? Explain what happened.
4. When the second census is taken in ch.26, what is especially noteworthy according to 26:64-65? Why weren't the original people allowed into the promised land?

Isaiah 9:8-Isaiah 16

1. Why is the Lord angry with Israel in Isaiah 9:8-Isaiah 10?
2. In ch. 11, who was Jesse? What is this chapter prophesying?
3. What might have led to the fall of Moah (ch.15-16)?

Psalms 58-69:

1. Life was not calm and peaceful for David when he wrote many of these psalms. What are some phrases he writes that show complete reliance on God (see ch.58-61)?
2. Psalm 62:1-2: What is comforting to you in these verses?
3. Psalm 64: 1: “Hear me, O God, as I voice my complaint.” How might this be different from the complaints of the Israelites in the desert? Or is it not different?

General Questions to consider:

1. What did you learn from this week's readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?

First Reading: Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every

nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

- ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Holy Gospel: John 10:22–30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."



About the Cover: As Paul prepared to go to Jerusalem, he called the elders of Ephesus to give them his parting encouragement that they should watch over the flock of the Good Shepherd. The Lord's undershepherds are to remind the flock to heed the Shepherd's voice and to flee from every voice that would entice them away from His care. For Christ alone is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life on the cross and rose again from the grave to give all who believe in Him eternal life.