



I lay down My life for the sheep ...  
that I may take it up again



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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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--** Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

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**AS WE GATHER--** One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term “misericord” means “pity of the heart.” That word is part of the church phrase *Misericordia Domini*, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

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**WITNESS AND OUTREACH--** 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.

**WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS**

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

**WORSHIP LITURGY**

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE – starting on LSB 151.**

- “Create in Me”                    LSB 956
- Kyrie                                152
- This is the Feast                155
- Alleluia                            156

- Apostles' Creed 159
- Offertory 159
- Preface 160
- Sanctus 161
- Agnus Dei 163
- Thank the Lord 164

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>FIRST READING</b>	<i>Acts 4:1–12</i>	(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)
<b>PSALM</b>	<i>Psalm 23</i>	
<b>EPISTLE</b>	<i>1 John 3:16–24</i>	(Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)
<b>HOLY GOSPEL</b>	<i>John 10:11–18</i>	(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)



**HYMNS**

**OPENING**      “Beautiful Savior”      LSB 537

**DISTRIBUTION**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      LSB 809  
 “Praise to You and Adoration”      LSB 692  
 “What God Ordains Is Always Good”      LSB 760

**GUEST SPEAKER: Gideons – Bruce Pinkston**

**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 8:26-40  
**EPISTLE**      1 John 4:1-11  
**HOLY GOSPEL**      John 15:1-8

**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.)*

**March Financial Recap:**

March Givings (Thank you!)	\$19,705.25
Monthly Need (5 Sundays):	<u>\$22,050.20</u>
Shortage:	-\$ 2,344.95

Scrip profit 4/8/24 - 4/14/24: \$5.37
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**Life Quotes: April 21** “Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty: April 21** “Are you a Religious Liberty Champion? Do you feel comfortable exercising your citizenship in the public square? Would you like more information about how you can be inspired, encouraged, and trained to have two-kingdom discussions? See <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/champions>.

**CALENDAR:**

- April 21**—LWML Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
- April 28**—Confirmation Sunday
- April 29**—Men’s Night at Mike’s Wood Shop, 6pm
- May 4 & 18**—Clean up days at church



**Special Thanks to the Sunday School students and all who filled their Lent folders with quarters for the Cima family! As of last Sunday, \$210.50 will be sent to this missionary family!**

**Sunday, April 21: A representative from Gideons International** is here today and will be sharing more about what the Gideons do. Bruce Pinkston will spend some time with the Sunday School class after the announcements.

**Friday Morning Bible Study:** April 19th was our last week in our current study. Stay tuned for information on our next study! Everyone is invited to join the Friday morning study which begins at 10am in the church narthex.

**Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction:** Join us today between 11-2pm. Proceeds go towards OGT shipping costs. There are also many great silent auction items to bid on. Thank you to everyone who is helping serve the meal, those who donated to the auction, and to all those who brought yummy desserts!



**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 4/21/2024 – 4/27/24**

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

**Loved Ones –**

Lori Hopp – Sister Jo Ann; Dave Norrgran--Mother Marlene; Paul Hansen – father Donald; Family of Bob Helmrick; Family of Robert Kowalski (Chad’s father); Family of Luan Wendlick (Cheryl Wagner’s mother); Family of Elaine Idsvoog, Ashley Pawlowicz—Mother Yvonne, Andy Weden—Father Gary

**Situations**

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA

**Military:**

Devante; Emily; Nick

**Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:** Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Paula; Phil

Idsvoog; Rose Janke (Karen Holman’s mother); Melissa (Caleb Schultz’s aunt); BSLC friend new cancer diagnosis; BSLC friend, Sarah, new cancer diagnosis

**Hospitalized/Recovering:**

Sharon Hughes--Hospice

**Circuit 17:** St Luke-Rapids (starting the Call process for a Pastor)

**Shut-ins:**

Merry Kampmeier, Mary S., and Anita C.

**Birthdays:**

4/21 Keely Ann Lipke  
4/24 Kristi Philhower  
4/26 Phil Idsvoog  
4/27 John Rubel

**Baptism Birthdays:**

4/21 Peter Gunn  
4/24 Werner Gross

**Anniversaries:**

**Missions:**

First Choice Resource Center  
Camp Luther  
Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden  
St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School  
Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan  
J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family  
Orphan Grain Train Center  
Adam Tanney (Seminary Student)  
Christ Care / Carpenter’s Crew

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



## 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 Caiaphas 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.”



Easter

**About the Cover:** The Good Shepherd does not withhold His own life for His sheep. He laid down His life on Good Friday as a sacrifice for our sins in order to take it up again on Easter Sunday. He did it all of His own authority for us. Therefore, we know that when He takes our lives up like the Good Shepherd that He is, we are in good hands that will carry us safely to eternal life.