



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



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### Thoughts as we gather:

#### *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep*

The Lord Jesus is “*the good shepherd*” who “*lays down His life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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



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 God - ead  
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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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 23; 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.

**The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

**He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.**

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.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I am the good shepherd.

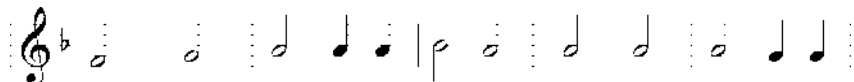
I know My own and My own know me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.



**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.



**■** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

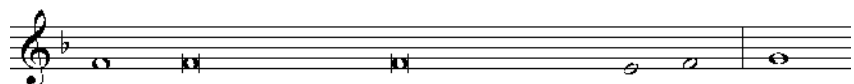


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



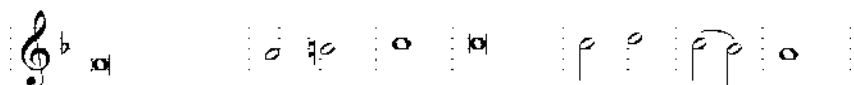
**(P)** Glory be to God on high: **■** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



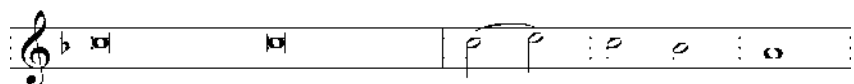
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



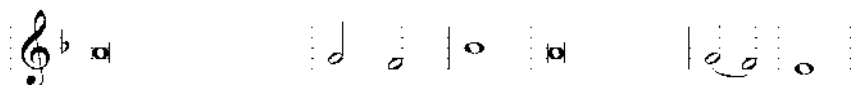
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty,



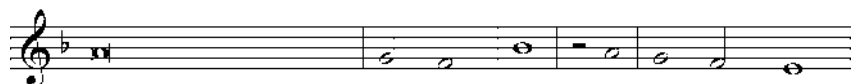
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir-it.  
**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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** A-men.

<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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalms 23; antiphon: v. 6*

<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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<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.

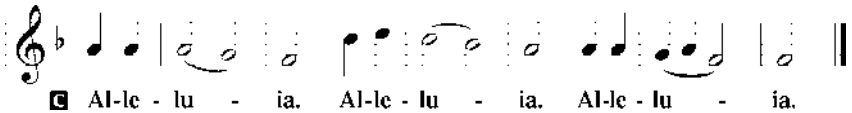
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## ALLELUIA

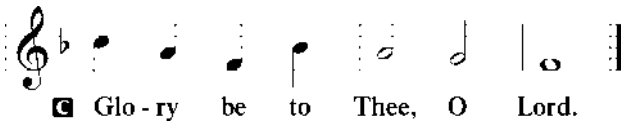
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## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

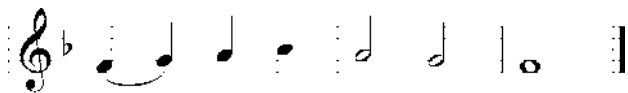
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



<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.”



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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.

*Sit*

## 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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!

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### SERMON:

### “HE CARES”

*John 10:11-18*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Shepherd of Israel, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sought out Your sheep and gathered us into Your flock. Keep us always in Your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, You alone gather us as Your sheep and send faithful shepherds to us. Call all who have wandered from Your flock, and bless the faithful shepherds who gather them through the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbors closest to us, especially within our own homes, that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our Shepherd, You calm all fears in this valley of the shadow of death, and You prepare the holy table of Your Son's testament for us in the presence of our enemies. Grant us repentant and faithful hearts. In every tribulation or besetting sin, lead us to find comfort and strength in Your overflowing mercy given to us here in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; 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.**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

## PREFACE

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

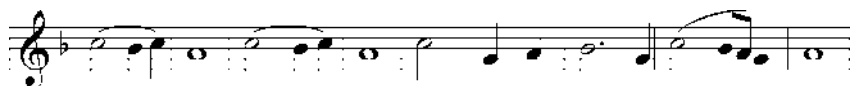


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

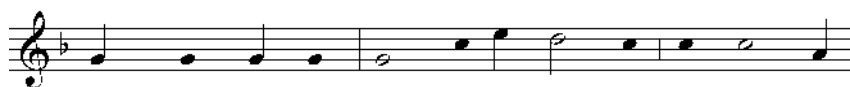
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

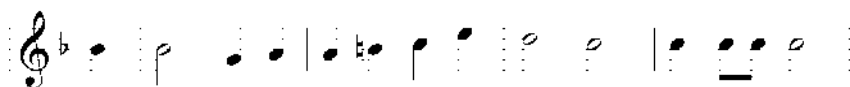
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

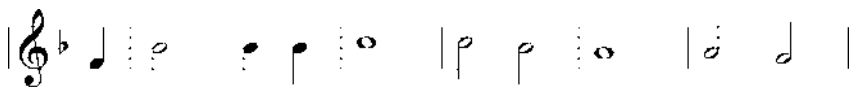


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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- P** 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.



- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

- P** 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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



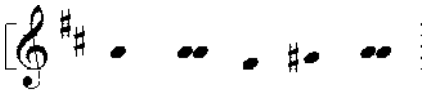
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

# BENEDICAMUS

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**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay, When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me.  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same. E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast. There with - in His arms to rest.

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**SERVING SERVICE TODAY:**

**ELDER**

Rick Ferrell

**HEAD USHER**

Bruce Benson

**SUNDAY READINGS**

The readings for Sunday, April 28, 2024 are:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 150 (antiphon: v. 6)

1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)

John 15:1-8

**April 21 – Easter 4**

**John 10:14 – “I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me.”** What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

<b>Sun. (04/21)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Bible Study
<b>Mon. (04/22)</b>	4:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
<b>Tues. (04/23)</b>	9:00 a.m.	Comfort Quilters
<b>Wed. (04/24)</b>	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Thurs. (04/25)</b>	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Peer Connections
<b>Fri. (04/26)</b>	2:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
<b>Sun. (04/28)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Bible Study

### **ATTENDANCE:**

04/14/2024	9:00 a.m.	59
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### **OFFERING:**

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,123.00	Needed YTD	\$ 61,845.00
Rec'vd. 04/14/2024	<u>\$ 2,379.08</u>	Rec'vd YTD	\$ <u>55,768.05</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,743.92)	Short YTD	\$ (6,076.95)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.*

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Adult Confirmation Class will meet on Monday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m.

### **COMFORT QUILTERS**

Comfort Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

### **NAMI**

The next meeting of NAMI Peer Connections will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

The next meeting of the Small Group Bible Study will be held on Friday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the DeRose's home.

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY MAY 4th**

Ladies are welcome Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Pew Sisters—a ladies' Bible Study by Katie Schuermann. Linda Davis will provide snacks! There are still two free books available, bought by the Church. We are only on lesson two. Please ask Eunice Harris at 760-514-8990 for your free book.

### **2024 GRADUATES**

Please contact Eunice Harris at 760-514-8990 if you are celebrating a graduate this year. We'll plan something for May or June. Tim is graduating this year.

### **AFTERNOON TEA**

Dear Sisters in Christ, you are cordially invited to attend an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Ascension's Social Hall. There will be prizes, games, food, and laughter. Please let Lynn Fairgrief know how many will be attending—765-418-0368.

Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at [www.ascensionav.org](http://www.ascensionav.org). Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

### ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Gamas Family	Jan Harke
Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich	Gaylon Pastella
Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith	Gwen Strasburg
Rory Tighe	Ray Beauchamp	Red & MaryAnn Beck
Marilyn Belka	Bill & Jan Blanton	Sue Boers
Tara Brown	Karrie Burke	Sherry Burke
Kyle Burton	Renee Cates	Cindy Celaya
Jackie Clinton	Dick Connors	Beth Craig
Larry Cramins	William Creek	Kathy Davis
Mary Diaz	Oscar Duenas	Christine Dunne
Janice Estrick	Lynn Fairgrief	Christian Frash
Chrissie Gates	Faigie Gawn	Chris Gibson
Grace Glass	Government	Jay & Becky Graham
John Gregg	Raquel Gudino	Kurt Gutowsky
Marty Hall	Roger Hall	Pastor Harris
Hazel & Andy	Jeanne Hecksel	Hedden Family
Harry Heike	Dawn Husel	Linda Kaufman
Chris Kelly	Linda Kienle	Emma Kraus
Anthony Kwesie	Debbie Lange	Rylee LaTrace
Melody LeGray	Doug & Corky Lumley	Steve & Debbie Martines
Kelly Marscheider	Al & Betty Lu Mayer	Bob Mayer
David McDonald	Judy Meadows	Dave Meyer
Daniel Midgely	Military	David Miller
Jay Miner	Justin Morales	Debbie Moore
Renee Moore	Herbert Moran	Janet Mowery
Dennis Nelson	Amanda Netzell	Lauren Newmann
Michelle Nichol	Cindy Nielsen	Lori O’Neil
Jessie Oswald	Glenn & Nancy Pastella	Seunghie Pastella
Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Sharon Pennington	Jose Perez
Heidi Perry	Michelle Peterson	Ken & Lynda Porter
Kelley Pulone	Marilyn Quade	Charlotte Ramirez
Dave Riffel	Crystal Roblero	Linda Roque
Rose & Iris	Beth Rubio	Sage
Ernie Schmidt	Chris Segard	Margi Segnari
Noreen Selle	Loretta Severson	Ray Shaffer
Bea Shelby	Short Family	Mike Skiffington
Manuel Sousa	Ron Stark	Dave Tamer
Carol Thomas	Ora Thomas	Matthew & Tina Thorn
Diana Thornbury	Trudi Tucker	Stan Vacek
Lisa Marie Van Slyke	Blaise Vasey	Tammy Wall
Rosa & Paul Wallace	Sharon Waters	Nancy Williams
Stacy Wilson	Wilma Wilson	Judy Winkler
Cynthia Yancho	Larry Young	Ray Zayas

### GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of Joyce Raff  
Family of Silas



**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.