

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

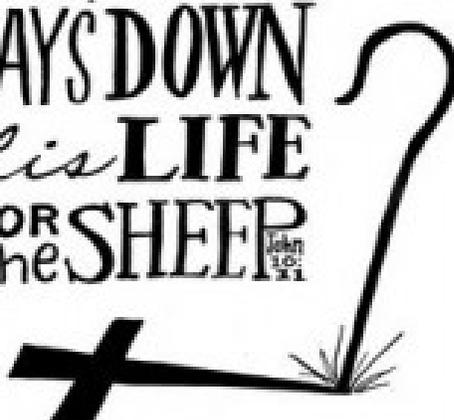
INTRODUCTION

Christ as the Good Shepherd is an image that shows how he continues to be with us. As a good shepherd, he guides, provides, and protects his sheep.

The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love.

First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

I am the
**GOOD
SHEPHERD.**
The good shepherd
LAYS DOWN
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FOR THE SHEEP
John 10:11



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*Please stand if able P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation (ELW—red book; WOV—blue book)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gary Haddock
*Confession and Forgiveness ELW p. 116-118
*Sharing the Peace P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
*Gathering Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW #807
*Apostolic Greeting ELW p. 120
*Prayer of the Day
P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Sermon Rev. Gary Haddock
Lessons Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24 Zach Gardner
*The Holy Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia, Alleluia..." ELW p. 124
*The Gospel Reading P: The holy gospel according to St. John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** John 10:11-18
P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**
The Sermon Rev. Gary Haddock
*Hymn of the Day "The Lord's My Shepherd" ELW #778
*Apostles' Creed ELW p. 127
*Intercessory Prayer A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.** Zach Gardner

MEAL

The Offering / Offertory Myra Long
*Offering Presentation / Response "Doxology" ELW #884
*Offertory Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Zach Gardner
*The Eucharistic Prayer V ELW p. 65-66
*The Lord's Prayer Traditional ELW p. 134
Distribution

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ELW p. 135
Distribution Hymn "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Zach Gardner

SENDING

*The Benediction P: Almighty God . . . C: **Amen.**
*Sending Hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW #789
Dismissal P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of our granddaughter, Libby Dotson's birthday (April 25), by Bill and Harriet Dotson.

ACTS 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

PSALM 23

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 right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 my whole life long.

1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

JOHN 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

LITURGY - WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Acolyte: Quentin Caudill

Assisting Minister: Zach Gardner

Communion Assistants: Charles Reed, Rona Saunders

Altar Guild: Hilka Cox, Paul & Kathy Gibson

Director of Music/Organist: Myra Long

Tabulators: Dotty Isenhour, Chris Cloninger, Nicky Setzer

Deacons: Tiffany Caudill, Tanya Stephenson

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