



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

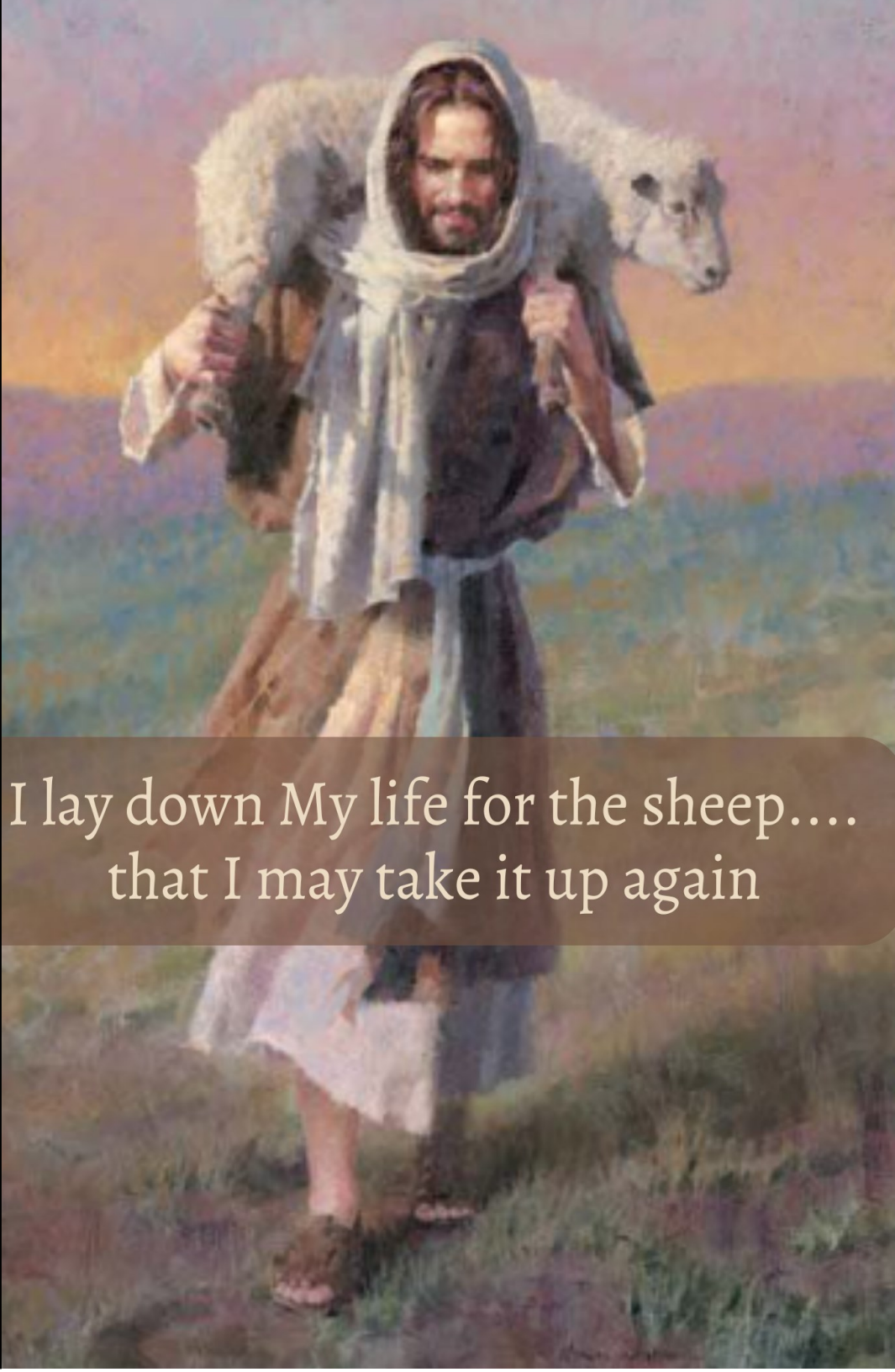
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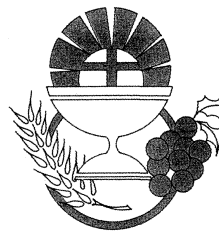
I lay down My life for the sheep....
that I may take it up again



FOR OUR VISITORS....

Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have a **nursery** at the end of the long hall toward the fellowship hall (last door on the right), for mothers who need more privacy with nursing infants. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.

We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



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Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:

*666, *710, *709, 864

During Distribution:

438, 749, 740

Sermon Title:

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Scripture:

John 10:11-18

Prelude:

"Prelude in E-flat," by Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer st. columba ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is") – Michael D. Costello kommt her zu mir ("O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe") – Johann Pachelbel

Postlude:

"Little Prelude and Fugue in F," by J. S. Bach, BWV 556

***Opening Hymn: LSB—666**

O Little Flock Fear Not the Foe
Choir Only st. 3

***Gradual Hymn: [8:00am]**

LSB—710: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Anthem:

"The Lord's My Shepherd," by Bob Chilcott

***Hymn of the Day: LSB—709**

Choir Only St. 1, 3, & 5

"I am the **good shepherd**. The **good shepherd** lays down his life for the sheep."



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).

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Mary Davis Debbie Goedecke Carol Hibbs Debbie Lee	Head Elder:	Roland Towers	Jim Ward
	Head Usher:	Chris Nietenhoefer	Tyson Bonty
Counters: Herbert Herrmann Andrew Melesky	Acolytes:		Seth Ruiz
	Crucifer/ Altar Assistant	Davis Richmond	Nathan Munoz

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 re- | stores my soul.*

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

Even though I walk through the valley of the shad-
ow 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 pres-
ence 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 for-
| ever.

I am the good | shepherd.*

**I know my own and my own know me, and
I lay down my life | for the sheep.**

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual: *adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7;
Psalm 8:6*

(8:00am: Gradual Hymn ~ LSB 710)

(10:45am: Sung by the Choir)

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory
and honor. He has given him dominion over the
works of his hands;

He has put all things under his feet.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: April 21—May 4

21: Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36
Luke 9:1-17

22: Lev. 9:1-24
Luke 9:18-36

23: Lev. 10:1-20
Lev. 11:1-15:33
Luke 9:37-62

24: Lev. 16:1-24
Luke 10:1-22

25: Lev. 17:1-16
Luke 10:23-42

26: Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8
Luke 11:1-13

27: Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37
Luke 11:14-36

28: Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27
Luke 11:37-54

29: Lev. 21:1-24
Luke 12:1-12

30: Lev.. 23:1-22
Luke 12:13-34

01: Lev. 23:23-44
Luke 12:35-53

02: Lev. 24:1-23
Lev. 25:1-55
Luke 12:54-13:17

03: Lev..26:1-20
Luke 13:18 - 35

04: Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44,
Num. 1:1-2:34
Luke 14:1-24

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 04/21 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- - CONFIRMATION 1 CLASS
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 04/22 - 8:15AM - MLCA CHAPEL [MONDAY—THURSDAY—ALL ARE WELCOME!]
- 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING BRAILLE ROOM

TUESDAY 04/23 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 6:00PM - BELLS PRACTICE—SANCTUARY
- 7:00PM - CHOIR PRACTICE—SANCTUARY
- 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION 2 & 3—RECEPTION ROOM & FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 04/24 - 3:30PM - MLCA CHESS CLUB—FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY 04/25 - 6:00PM - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—RECEPTION ROOM

FRIDAY 04/26 - -

SATURDAY 04/27 - -

NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION

~ 8:00am Service ~

Juan Salinas
&
David and Linda Beecroft

~ 10:45am Service ~

The O'Neil Family
Tom and Ruth O'Neil
Christian, Caleb, Clara and Camilea.

Please welcome our new members at the end of the service.



CATECHESIS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21

What is the Lord's Prayer in Latin?

Pater noster qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum, advéniat regnum tuum, fiat voluntas tua sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum cotidianum da nobis hodie; et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris, et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Quia tuum est regnum, et potestas, et gloria in saecula. Amen.

Scripture:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. *Romans 3:23*

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Claire Slaven, Melinda Cagle, Cheyenne Clemens, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Les Kaspar, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Harold Karner, Janie Peter.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Judy Klingbeil, Delores Knutson, Jerry Newman, Peggy Wahlstedt, Travis Thowe, Isola Erskin, Brooke Lage, Charlotte Carey, David Loeffler Sr., Bob Towers, Tera Brinkley, Pat Deardoff, Karen Kitzmann, Luis Sr. and Ramona Munoz, Susan Copen, David Gruben, Priscilla Lindwedel, Annette Turbyfill, Richard Rigdon, Abby O'Neil, Dusty Ford, Sharon Loeffler, Mildred McLaughlin, Carmen Brannon, Jacob Brewer, Ron and Barbara Busse, Harold Karner, Martha Kitzmann, Bruce Lage, Bob Lemmon, Paul Maier Sr., Anne Meirt, Joe O'Neil, Paul Sawall, Wendell Wahlstedt.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Ron Klingbeil, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazlehurst, Roger Isringhaus, Rev. David Loeffler, Carolyn Blume, Susan Copan, Harold Karner, Don & Marilyn Curry, Rudi Milbitz, Mary Shafer.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Katie Bolton, Olivia Bolton, Jared Brewer, James Buhler, Colby Carter, Helena Chryst, Seminarian David Christensen, Duran Crutchfield, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Aidan Richmond, David Preston, Seminarian Tanner Sawall, Madeline Stephens, Max Tonniges, Emily Torkelson.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Matthew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Chaplain Paul Weber, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah church and school as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- Mr. Phillip Magness and his work in Africa, and Rev. Charles Ferry in Asia, through the LCMS.
- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach blind or visually impaired people around the world, and for more volunteers to make it possible.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen, Tanner Sawall and Patrick and Grace Randolph as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.



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The Confirmation Banner Event is today immediately following the late service at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure to bring \$10 for pizza. We are requesting that one or both parents assist their confirmand student. For questions contact Karen Shrum at mykjsemail@gmail.com.



The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, April 28th, immediately following the late service in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All voting members and members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. **Proposed budget will be posted on the bulletin board and sent via weekly email.** For questions, contact our Church Council Secretary, Chris Goodwin at cjgood123@gmail.com.



Game Playing Day is back at Messiah! All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 4pm-7pm to play card and board games! We will provide the games and cards or bring your favorite! Come and go as you like. Bring your favorite snack. For questions, contact Karen Shrum at mykjsemail@gmail.com.



Messiah's AED Team is still looking for volunteers to help monitor the AED machine (Automated External Defibrillator) for battery life and usage. The AED analyzes heart rhythm, and if needed can help by restarting the heart during an emergency! You do not have to be a medical professional to be on the AED Team! If you are interested, please call or text Lauren Friend at 830-992-0567. Thank you.



Community Storehouse of Keller is collecting canned and boxed food for summer. Items such as peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, apple sauce cups and other misc. fruit cups, and crackers and are needed. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex. Thank you!



STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for April 21st, 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.



A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for April 21 – Easter IV: The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we “come that they may have life and have it abundantly!”



DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Biblical Christianity vs. Progressive Christianity, The Movie “Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire,” Polygamy in the Bible, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



The weekly “Look Ahead” email: Make sure to check the weekly “Look Ahead” email that is sent out on Wednesdays with important information. A new section has been added called “A Word From the Pastor” with weekly updates, and more! If you are not receiving these emails, be sure to check your spam folder. Please email the church office at churchoffice@messiahkeller.org.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 112 10:45am: 103 (215 Total)
Sunday School: 107 OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$9,267.78 (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)
WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$17, 443.00
MLC FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF MOST RECENT MONTH END: (Month End: MARCH)
Offerings: \$588,502.68 Other Revenues: \$23,758.44 Expenditures: \$671,119.74 Deficit: \$-58,858.44
 You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Old Testament: Acts 4:1-12

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

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And 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

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."