

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins

in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Holy Gospel

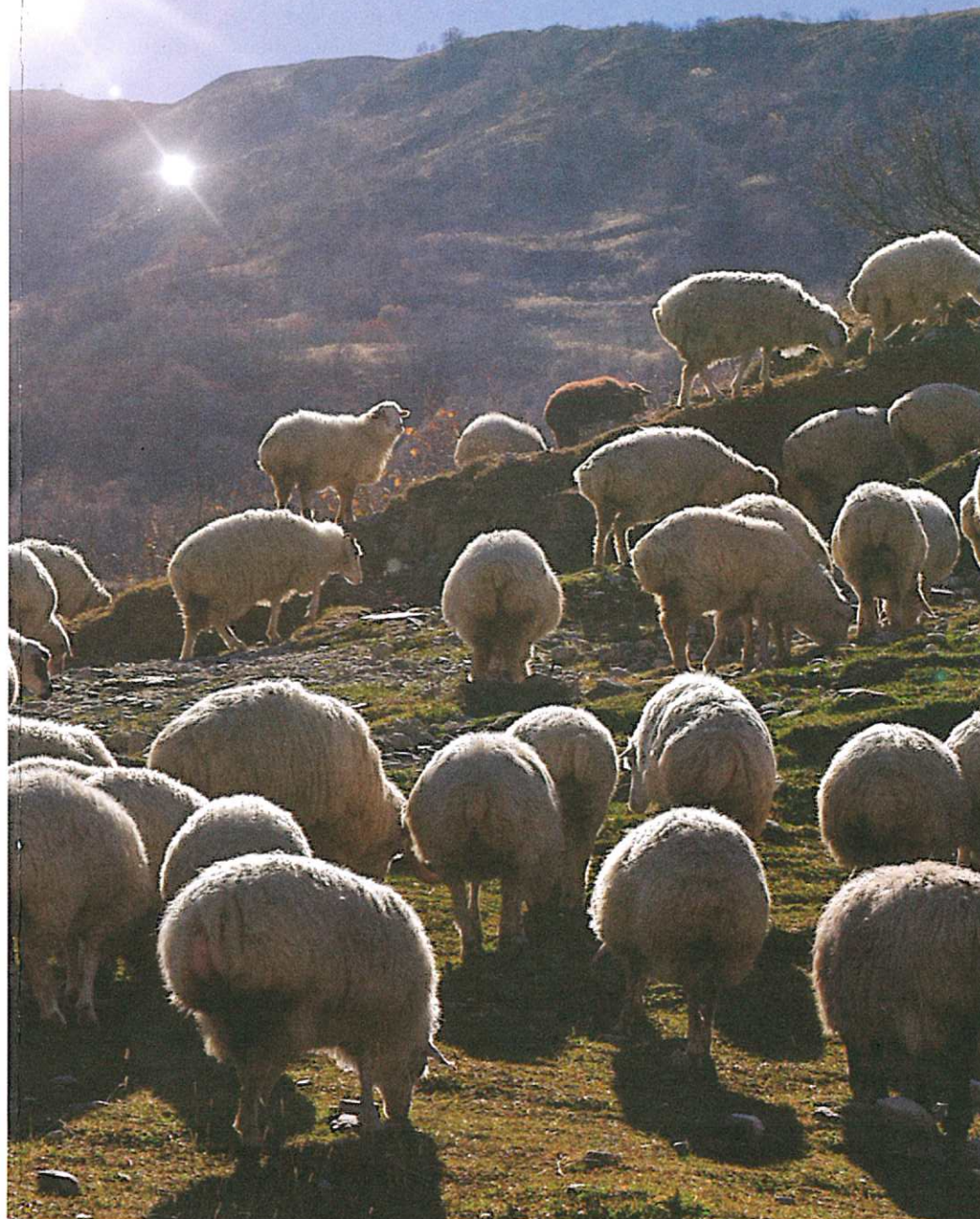
John 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

# The shepherd of the sheep

John 10:2



Easter

**About the Cover:** Jesus speaks to us so that we can understand Him. He uses the image of the sheep so that we can understand His love for us. His people need one to lead them. Jesus is that Good Shepherd who leads us, His wayward sheep, back to the Father. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who willingly gives His life for the sheep so that we may have life to the fullest. We give thanks to God for the Lamb of God, the faithful Good Shepherd!



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3 & 7, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: 837 vs. 1-4, 709, 744 vs. 1-4, 805, 468, 525, 973

Sermon: "Christ Wants Me, So I Want Not" Psalm 23

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 4/26 (Wed.): 41	Comm.: 38	Offering: \$ 747.00
Attendance 4/30 (Sun): 77	Comm.: 61	Offering: \$1,920.00
S.S. - 17	Staff - 8	B.C. - 9
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	Scrip Profit 4/30: \$ 90.75	

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON-WED District Pastors Conf., Wisconsin Dells  
WEDS (5/10) **7:00 p.m. Worship**  
8:00 p.m. Stewardship/Evangelism  
THURS (5/11) 12:30 p.m. Ladies Aid  
3:00 p.m. Trustees  
SUN (5/14) 8:00 a.m. S.S/ B.C.  
**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
*All Grades Sing*  
6:30 p.m. Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Trudi Lavey, cousin of Faith Sonnabend, Diane Buboltz, & Sue Hammond, who was hospitalized after suffering a stroke; Parker Sonnabend who is dealing with an unknown lump on his hand.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by the confirmation class.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno.

**CONFIRMATION** - Being confirmed in his faith is Evan Pope, son of Tim & Melissa Pope. May God keep him faithful always!

**PASTOR SERVING VACANCY** at St. Peter, Hilbert. His duties will include preaching on Sundays, funerals, weddings, shut-ins, hospital calls, confirmation, and some meetings. He does not know how long the vacancy will last. During this time, Pastor Krueger will not have much time to talk with you after church. If you need to speak with him, give him a call, send an email, or stop in the office.

**IN THE CARD ROOM** are Mother's Day, Confirmation, & Graduation cards.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 7-9 from 9-11:30 a.m. - Register your children. Volunteer to help. Go to [www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi](http://www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi) or find the link on the church website. Register today!

**ALLELUIA CHURCH, WRIGHTSTOWN:** Part-time Office Assistant position available in May. The position is approximately 20 hours/week and is responsible for a variety of office functions. Seeking an individual with strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office and Publisher. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please send resume to Alleluia Church, Attn: Office Assistant Position, 6725 Elmro Road, Greenleaf, WI 54126".

**SCHOOL WILL BE OUT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT** which means summer camp is right around the corner. Camp LuWiSoMo is offering 6 weeks of youth camp for summer 2017. Our summer youth camps provide faith-growing opportunities in a Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting for children from three years old through High School. Through the blessings of people, facilities, and God's Word, Camp LuWiSoMo provides an incredible learning experience for every child as they dive deeper into understanding faith. To learn more about our youth camps, visit: <http://www.luwisomo.org/youth-camp-summer>.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

*1 Peter 2:21 "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what loves looks like - to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:** Today in Sunday school, the children studied "Jesus Appears to Thomas" (John 20:19-31). We, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family, "When is it hard to trust and believe in the promises of God? Who is the source of our faith?"