

First Reading

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

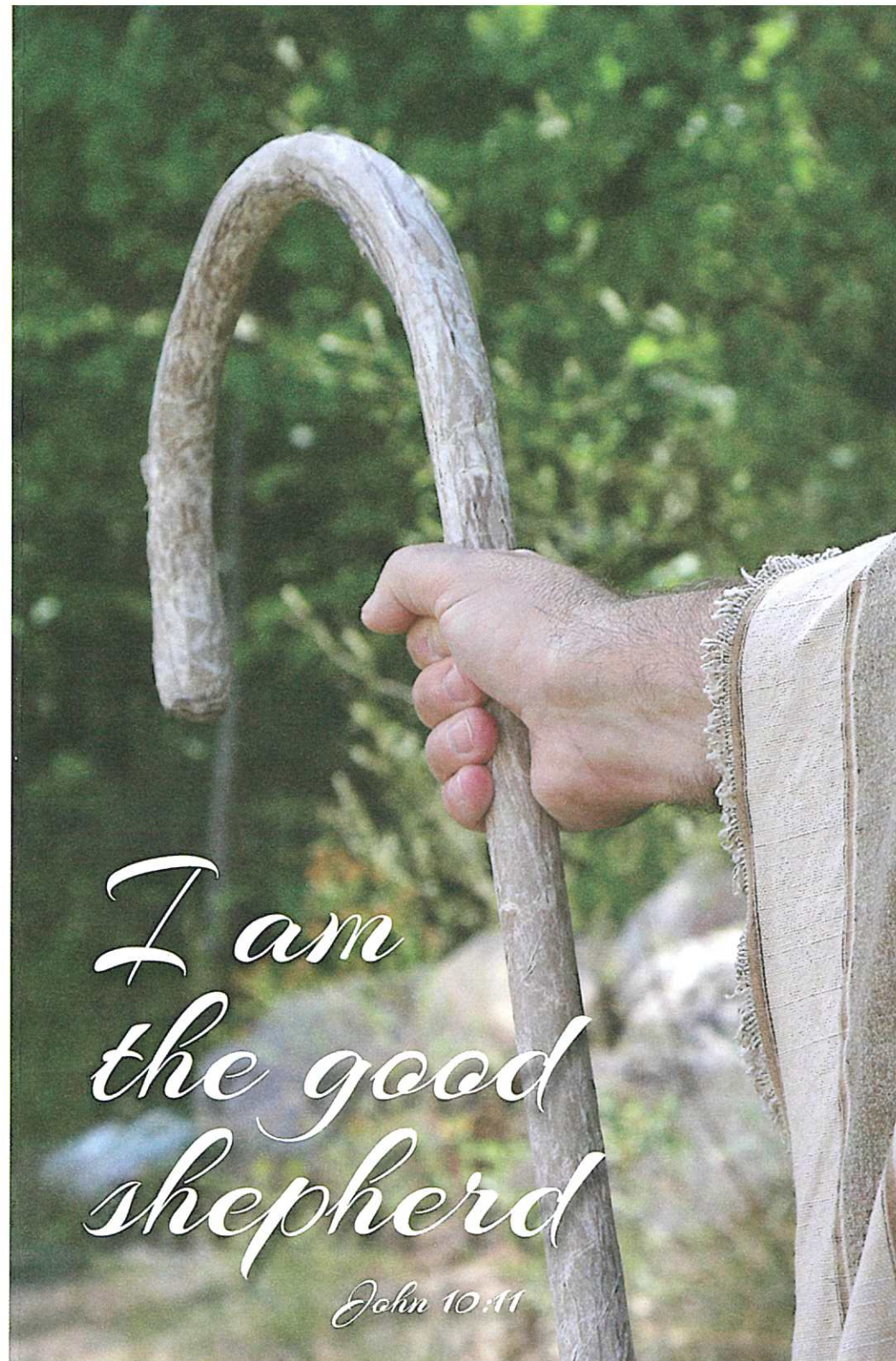
John 10:11–18

¹¹I 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.”



Easter

About the Cover: There are shepherds, and then there are shepherds. Jesus is a special kind of shepherd. He says, “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11). He means that He is the perfect shepherd. He knows what we, His sheep, need, and He knows how to provide for us. Not only does He lead us to eternal life, but He feeds us on the way. Therefore, we join the psalmist who wrote, “The LORD is my shepherd” (Psalm 23:1).



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18 & 22, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: (W) 710, (S) 593, 711 vs. 1-3, 709, (S) Hymn of Welcome (Tune: 744), 805, "You're My Good Shepherd" (Tune: 475)

Sermon: "The Shepherd and the Door"
John 10:11-18

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 4/11 (Wed.): 33 Comm.: 33 Offering: \$445.00

Attendance 4/15 (Sun.): Canceled due to inclement weather.

Budget Needs: \$3,397.00 Scrip Profit 4/15: \$8.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (4/22) 1:00 p.m. – Elders
4:00 p.m. – Youth Meeting/Activity
WED (4/25) 6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**
SUN (4/29) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – **Worship w/Comm.**

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Zach & Amanda Zoellner who were united in marriage on Saturday (4/21).

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Zach & Amanda Zoellner in honor of their wedding.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Zach & Amanda Zoellner in honor of their wedding.

BAPTISM – Received into God's family today (4/22) through the water and Word of Baptism is Micah Nathan Horn, son of Hank & Kit Horn. Micah's sponsors are Katie Horn and Christopher Van Lanen.

NEW MEMBERS – Today (4/22) we welcome Michelle (Shelly) Jost and Danielle Jost by transfer from St. Peter, Hilbert and Duane & Karen Loose by profession of faith. Welcome to the St. Bartholomew family.

FOX RIVER ZONE LLL is holding their Spring Rally on Saturday (4/28) at 9 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. See the notice on the bulletin board for more information.

YOUTH MEETING on Sunday (4/22). Games and meal provided. We will also discuss the next Youth Gathering.

CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE will again take place on May 13th. Roses are \$2 each. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a rose for Right to Life. You can pick up the rose after the service on Mother's Day. Proceeds go to Mother & Unborn Baby at Appleton and Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair. Deadline is Sunday, May 6th.

FLOAT COMMITTEE – The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for 3-4 people to organize the church float for the parade on June 8. Contact the church office if interested.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 John 3:2 *"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is."* There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – This week, remember our **District's Muslim Outreach** through the efforts of missionary **Ebou Faye** in your prayers this week. Having been brought up as a Muslim in West Africa and then brought to faith in Christ, ask that God will bless his ministry among Muslim Somalis at Bethany and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Churches in Milwaukee.