

First Reading Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Second Reading Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

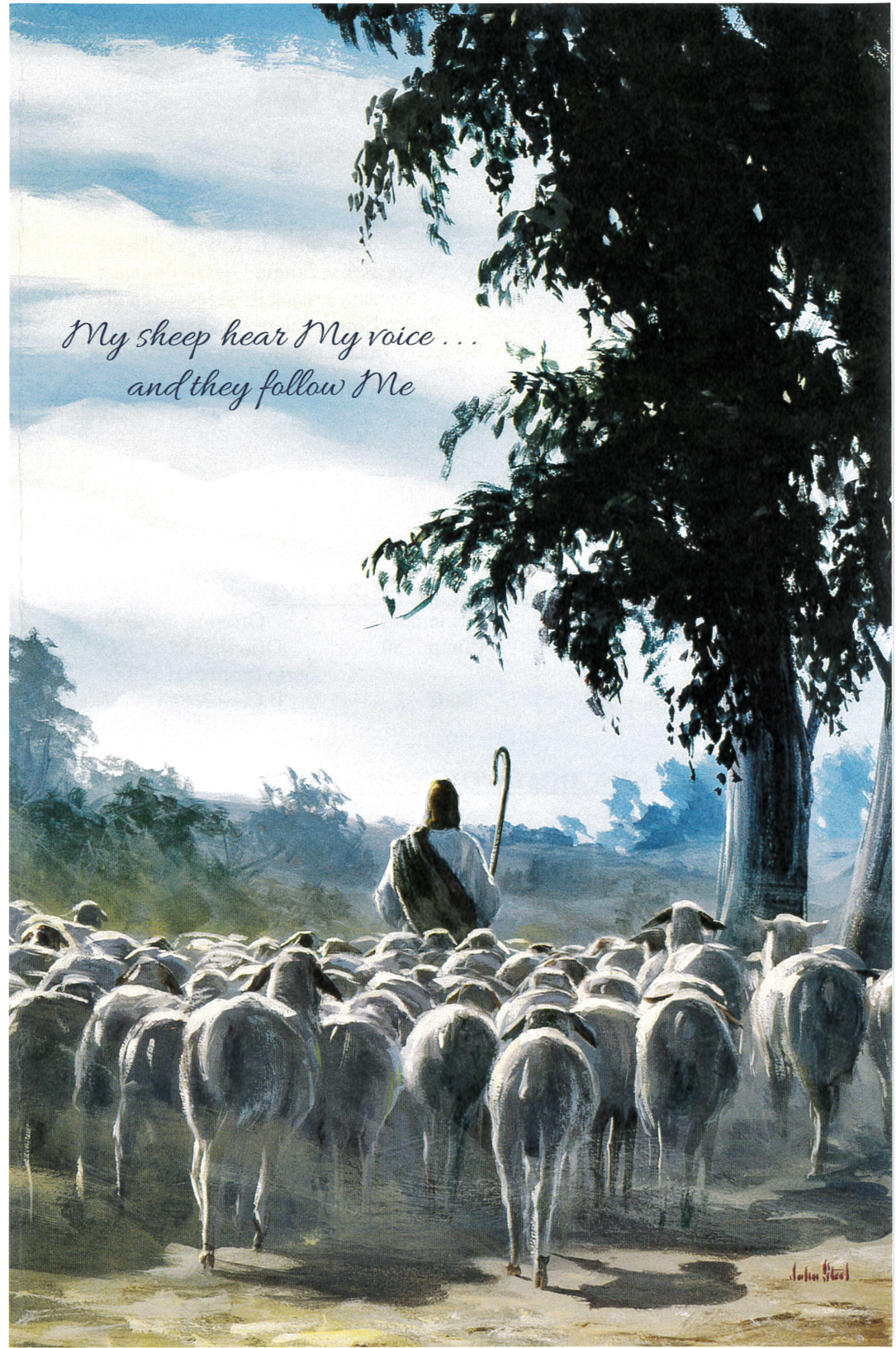
Holy Gospel John 10:22–30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

About the Cover: The sheep know the voice of the shepherd as the voice of the one who feeds and protects. The sheep know to follow Him because He leads to life eternal. We know the voice of our shepherd. He is the one who has laid down His life and taken it up again. No other voice delivers what He alone promises. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).



Easter



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4 & 8, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 655, 861, 805, 729
Sermon: "Partners with the Lord"
1 Samuel 1:26-28

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 4/27 (Wed): 58	Comm.: 50	Offering: \$900.00
Attendance 5/1 (Sun): 66	Comm.: 50	Offering: \$2,935.13
Budget Needs: \$3,594		Scrip Profit 5/1: \$13.00
S.S. – 6	Staff – 2	B.C. – 3

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (5/11) 6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Concordia Sunday

THUR (5/12) 9:30 a.m. – Elders
12:00 p.m. – Ladies Aid at Deer Run

SUN (5/15) 8:00 a.m. – S.S.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Concordia Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember our mothers

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno

PICTURES NEEDED – We are having a picture board and a digital video for Pastor's party. If you have any pictures of Pastor Krueger from the past 32 years, please drop them off in the picture box in the narthex or in the church office. Please put your name on the back of the pictures so they can be returned later. Any digital pictures can be emailed to sblcbrillion@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION & MOTHERS DAY CARDS are available in the card room.

VACATIONING? Try Electronic Offering with Joyful Response. In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. If you are planning any vacations, don't forget your offering. LCEF's *Joyful Response* will help you give automatically directly from your checking or savings account whether you are at home or away.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 Peter 2:11 – "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." Passions of the flesh – that means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the "passions of the flesh" is to call them greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. It wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles. We belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.

Happy 
Mother's Day