

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.

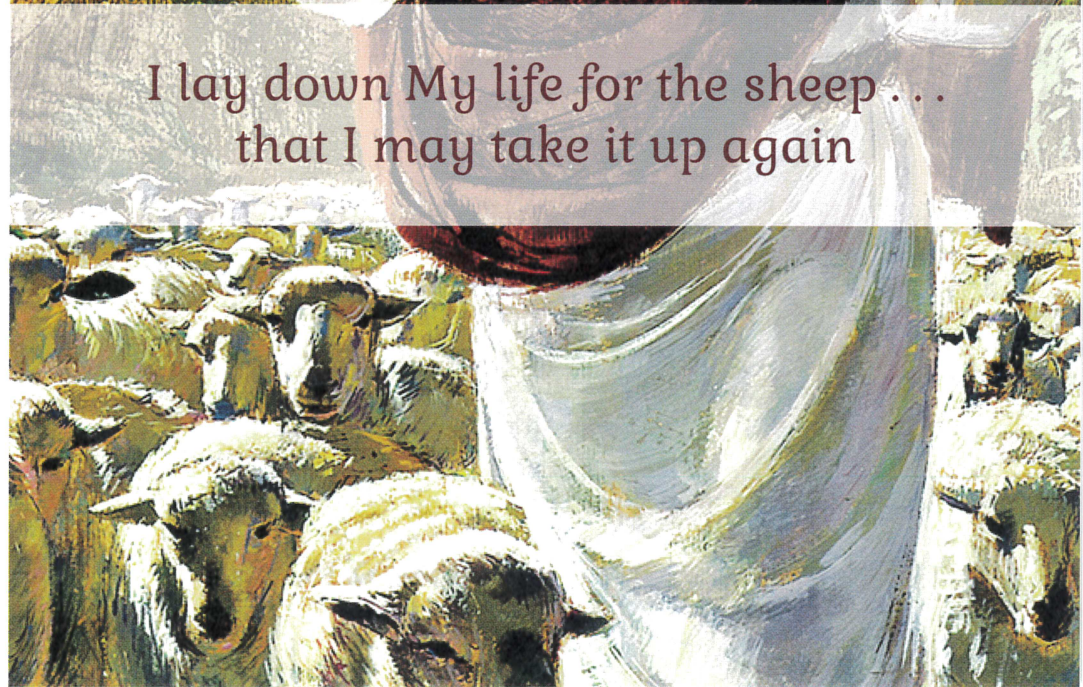
Holy Gospel

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.”



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



Easter

About the Cover: The Good Shepherd does not withhold His own life for His sheep. He laid down His life on Good Friday as a sacrifice for our sins in order to take it up again on Easter Sunday. He did it all of His own authority for us. Therefore, we know that when He takes our lives up like the Good Shepherd that He is, we are in good hands that will carry us safely to eternal life.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17 & 21, 2024

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One, p. 151
Hymns: 740, 709, 805, 549, 524, 666

***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 4/10 (Wed): 36	Comm.: 32	Offering: \$685.06
Attendance 4/14 (Sun): 53	Comm.: 42	Offering: \$1,332.07
Budget Needs: \$3,342.50	Scrip Profit 4/14: \$27.00	
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KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (4/21) 10:00 a.m. – Voters Meeting
TUE (4/23) 5:45 p.m. – LWML Spring Rally
WED (4/24) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. – Worship
SUN (4/28) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Seth & Amanda Riemer upon the birth of a baby girl; Brian Krahn who is hospitalized; the family of Lori Krueger; Alvin Bladow, Lucas (grandson of Alan Klepps), Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Rodney Loose (brother of Duane Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer.

CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Mark & Jan Wittman in memory of Brandon.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Stephanie and Lillian Petersen in honor of their birthdays.

VOTERS MEETING will be held today (Sunday) at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are ready for pick up. They are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick up the directory with your name on it.

GRASS CUTTERS – We are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

MOTHERS DAY ROSE SALE will again take place on May 12th. Roses are \$3 each. Proceeds go to fund the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair in Chilton. Roses signify "Thanks mom for giving me life." Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Deadline is Sunday May 5th.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS – Free for anyone to take. They are hanging in the coat room.

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER on April 28th at Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein, from 3-6 p.m. All you can eat potato and buttermilk pancakes. Also serving brats, hamburgers, applesauce, dessert, milk & coffee. Cost: \$14 adults; \$8/6-12 years; 5 & under free.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

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.