

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24-25, 2021**

**Dale Scheiderer – Organist**



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, an opportunity to reflect on what it means to belong to one both so mighty and so merciful as Jesus Christ. In our Psalm, the beloved twenty-third, David fears no evil in the valley of the shadow of death because he knows the Shepherd who accompanies him. In the Epistle, John declares that “by this we know love, that he laid down his life for us” (1 Jn 3:16a). John has himself heard the Shepherd who declares in today’s Gospel, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11). We hear these words in the recent light of Easter. Thus emphasis rightly falls on Christ’s victorious proclamation regarding his life at the conclusion of the pericope: “I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again” (10:18). Christ’s might alone may humble or even frighten, but such might in conjunction with such mercy forms an emboldening impetus for Christian life and witness, as Peter and John demonstrate in Acts 4:1–12. Here we see transformed disciples who, come what may, will not be deterred in proclaiming the death and resurrection of our Good Shepherd.

**“A Very Good Shepherd” Acts 4:1–12**

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one’s self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Make a note on your worship folder that you can read & remember EVERY DAY in the coming week to bring you back to the place where you began to worship today.

## WELCOME

### A Little Liturgy Lesson Psalm 116:12-14 (ESV)

#### The Offering & The Offertory

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

As the Bell rings at the beginning of worship – take time to silently pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you as God TRULY arrives in His Word and Sacrament among us.

### Opening Hymn I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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## Invocation

Take a moment when you first wake up to begin your day with the invocation and remember the grace of your baptism. End each day this week as soon as you go to bed in the same way.

## Confession

Psalm 23; John 10:11

Each day confess your "sin-fullness" before God and ask Him for His forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to use you and yours to His glory.

**P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C** Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that we have been ungrateful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.

**P** He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

- C** Like sheep, we are distracted and tend to wander and scatter. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- C** We confess that in difficult times of life, we sometimes struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection, seeking to find our own comfort. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence 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 forever.
- C** As we journey through this sinful world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flow into our lives from You. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.

## Absolution

*Think of ways you can each day this week creatively show forth (Epiphany) your sense of rejoicing that your "sin-fullness" has been cleansed.*

- P** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries and says to us, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's laying down His life and rising from death in victory. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. Thanks be to God.

## Introit

*Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

*If you wear a cross or have a cross hanging in your home, perhaps each day remember that cross is Not simple piece of jewelry nor a decoration on the wall but the focus and final authority in your daily life.*

- 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 shadow 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 presence 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.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
 I am the good | shepherd.\*  
 I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

## Salutation

*As you meet people throughout the coming week, pause for a moment and consider the greeting and the motivation of your heart and feelings towards the person you greet. What message do you want to send to the community around you today with your greetings?*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*Use these 5 parts of prayer for your table grace, morning or evening prayer each day this week: 1) Address 2) basis for the petition 3) the petition 4) reason for the petition 5) conclusion of praise to God*

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

**C** **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;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## First Reading *Acts 4:1–12*

*Always read the Old Testament with Jesus and His ministry and mission as the key to understanding any Old Testament passage.*

*Peter and John shared the message of Christ with thousands of listeners and were arrested that same night. When brought before the high priest and questioned, Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the name of Jesus with authority.*

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**      *1 John 3:16–24*

*The Epistles are great for personal weekday devotional reading and study – pick a letter this week and read it, think on it and share it with a friend, family member or someone with whom you work or play.*

*The definition of love is the sacrifice of life freely given up for the sake of another as modeled by Jesus. When we follow His perfect example of love through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the love of God is in us and we can share it with others.*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But 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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>Whoever 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel** *John 10:11–18*

*Think about discussing the readings for this Sunday around your family dinner table or over lunch at work this week.*

*Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is faithful and true and laid down His life for us, His sheep. As sheep know their shepherd's voice and listen for it, we must also know the voice of the Great Shepherd.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day The King of Love My Shepherd Is LSB 709

*Hymns are a tremendous resource for teaching, learning and meditation – take a few moments this week to read through the words of one of your favorite hymns and see what new insights it may have for you this week.*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever! Public domain

## Sermon "A Very Good Shepherd" Acts 4:1-12

*Take a few minutes this week as part of your personal and/or group devotions or studies to dig a little deeper into the sermon text. Using the sermon text for the past or coming week is a great source for bible study and preparation!*

## Apostles Creed

*Take a few minutes this week to meditate on one of the creeds and seek ways it may help you put voice to your evangelistic opportunities that the Lord may provide.*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Place your weekly prayer sheet in a very accessible place and look it over daily and think about ways you can pray for and even serve those in need.*

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

*Take time this week to pray over the N & N and your gifts and talents. Seek the Lord as to how you can serve Him in this community.*

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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## Notes & News Information

**Altar Flowers this Week:** Altar flowers are given in loving memory of the April 24th wedding anniversary of my parents Dick and Berneta Zacharias in 1954, and my sister and brother-in-law Sandy and Ted Howard in 1981. Kim Zacharias

**Church Coverage During Regina's Absence:** Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, will be undergoing a medical procedure on Thursday, April 15. At this time, she is scheduled to be out of the office, and unavailable from Wednesday, April 14 through Monday, May 3. Emails and voicemails will be checked while she is out, but please realize that you may not receive a response back immediately. The worship bulletin will be printed, but not in the current format that it is now. Notes & News information will be included at the end of the worship program in more of an "information" bulleted list. If prayers are needed, please email Pastor Jack and he can make a verbal prayer for you during the worship services. **If you need to reserve space** for a meeting or event, please send an email with date/start and end time/requested space to: [scheduler@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:scheduler@sjsmarysville.org) We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of Regina's absence. Thank you!

The Board of Education with the support for the Board of Administration announce that there will be a **Special Voter's Assembly meeting on Sunday May 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.** The single topic of this meeting will be to consider extending a call for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. The biographies of both candidates and the motion to be considered are available in the narthex after worship this morning.



### *PENTECOST GERANIUMS*



The Flower Committee is taking orders for geraniums to be displayed on the weekend of May 16 for Pentecost. The flowers are \$4.75 each and can be donated in honor or memory of loved ones. The deadline for orders is **May 9**. The flowers will be planted on the church grounds by the Landscaping Committee.

Order forms in the Notes & News can be dropped with payment in the Flower Box in the Narthex. Orders can also be placed by either mailing the order form or by calling.

Mail forms or call: Charlotte Blumenschein  
20570 State Route 245  
Marysville, Ohio 43040  
(937) 644-4111

*Thank you for supporting the Flower Committee.*

**ACES** will start back up on May 5 at 1:00 pm in the Heritage House. Masks are required and temperature checks are taken upon entering. Cost is \$1.00. We will play Euchre from 1:00-3:30 pm. If you have questions, please call Mary Mayer at 937-642-2181.

## **Lloyd David Baker Auction - Thank you!**

On behalf of **Dale Scheiderer, Carol & Jeff Reinhard, and Reinhard Auction Team Members, Ray & Ruth Geiger, Nina Boerger, Eunice Mock, Roger Nicol, Joy Ballard, Myron Rausch, Tom Nicol, and Hannah Boehm**, a huge **THANK YOU** to all who shared in and supported the **Lloyd Baker and Family Benefit Auction** this past Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Just over \$7,700. was realized from the auction, with a number of items being returned to the St. John's Lutheran Church Archives for Historic Preservation. We have been working with Lloyd's sister, Carol Hehemann, since last December moving the contents of two storage units to the barn, sorting and boxing items in preparation for this sale.

Special thanks to Principal Rausch and St. John's students for their help delivering and setting up tables; and to **Deanna Miley and The St. John's Lutheran School kitchen staff** for supplying hot coffee, blueberry muffins and chocolate chip cookies for the crowd to supplement our food service.

Many memories were re-visited while pouring over the boxes of photos and St. John's memorabilia! It was a good day!

### **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Church Window Restoration:** The Board of Properties would like to thank all who contributed to the Church Roof and Steeple Project (Save Our Steeple)! Thanks to the kind donations and the efficient work of our contractors, there is a substantial amount of money left to roll forward into the next large upkeep and maintenance project; our stained glass windows. These windows were made in Germany and are original to the church in the year 1900. Now is the time that we need to invest in these sentimental and historically important parts of our church. The work will include the removal, historic restoration and reinstallation of the window behind the organ. Fix bulges, install new steel supports and re-cement the large window on the North side, and cover the front windows with storm windows. The estimate for this work is \$117,000. Thanks to the carryover from the roof project and other donations we have about \$75,000 in hand. There is a Window Restoration fund on the Give Plus App and on the Vanco website to contribute by credit or debit card. Checks may be placed in the offering box during services or mailed to the office with Windows in the memo line. Thank you for your consideration in helping out with this important undertaking.

**LYF News: LYF Mission Trip** - LYF is excited and planning on serving in Imperial, PA this summer from June 20-26th! While many of our youth signed up for last summer are planning on attending, we do have a few open spots for youth who were not previously committed. The mission trip is a fantastic experience, where our youth and adults will shine Christ's light on a deserving community through home repair projects. We will also attend daily devotions and worship sessions to grow in our faith and relationships with one another. There are many COVID-19 precautions in place on this year's trip, such as mask-wearing, our group lodging together, only outdoor home repairs, and increased worship/devotional/dining sessions to assist with physical distancing. Eligible youth are those entering 9th grade in fall 2021-college. We have 1 remaining youth spot still available, as well as 2 adult spots that need filled before we head to Imperial, PA! If you are interested in being an adult chaperone on the trip, please reach out to [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com) with any questions and interest. It's sure to be a remarkable experience! **Cinco de Mayo LYF Party** - Sunday, May 9th at the Youth House, 6pm. We will play games, enjoy some Mexican fare, and fellowship with one another!

**VBS Updates!** We are really getting into gear - there will be lots of information coming over the next few weeks - so keep watching here for updates! Here's the latest:

- Put June 21st week on your calendar for VBS - registration for kids and volunteers will be up online around May 1
- We will be doing a 'family night' on Wednesday this year - watch for upcoming details.
- Please help us by bringing in **paper towel tubes** for crafts. There will be a collection box in the Marie Pfarr room. (These will be quarantined before use)
- If you are a **Thrivent member and have not used your \$250 annual member benefit gift card** for a volunteer project, would you consider applying for your card for VBS? We need 3-4 of them - and we need to coordinate these efforts to ensure that all get approved. Please contact Amanda if you can help us in this way.
- We are planning 'work days' on Saturday 5/15 and 6/5 - more details on those to come also.

Amanda's contact info: 937-243-7471

[AmandaDavisand2littles@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaDavisand2littles@gmail.com) / [vbs@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:vbs@sjsmarysville.org)

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** We are in need of Sunday School Teachers for Grades 1-6. Right now we have the entire age group in one classroom and we really think it would benefit all the children if we could split up into different age ranges. We would love your help if you enjoy sharing God's Love with children. If we can get enough teachers we could rotate and you would not have the commitment for every single week. We love having so many children and hope that we can get more help to make it a great experience for everyone! We have a great group of kids and we have great, easy-to-follow curriculum. We would love for you to prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Please reach out to Lisa Arnold if you are interested or have any questions at  
937-205 1802 [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)

**N&N Article Deadline is Tuesday by NOON**

Please submit articles and announcements by calling directly at 937-240-3004, or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org) **Thanks.**



*Geranium Order Form*  
*Pentecost 2021*



The Flower Committee will be decorating the chancel with geraniums on May 16, the weekend before Pentecost. The earlier date is due to the Confirmation of two classes on Pentecost Sunday. The Landscaping Committee will plant the donated flowers on the church grounds. Geraniums may be donated in honor or memory of loved ones.

Orders will be taken for **three weeks** through the deadline on **Sunday, May 9**. Please complete the order form below and place it along with payment in the Flower Box by the offerings in the Narthex; or call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 and mail payment to her at 20570 State Route 245, Marysville, Ohio 43040. The cost of each plant is \$4.75.

Checks need to be made payable to **St. John's Lutheran Church**.

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total due @ \$4.75 each: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorials/honors given by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(List all names for Notes & News)*



*The Flower Committee thanks you for your support.*

