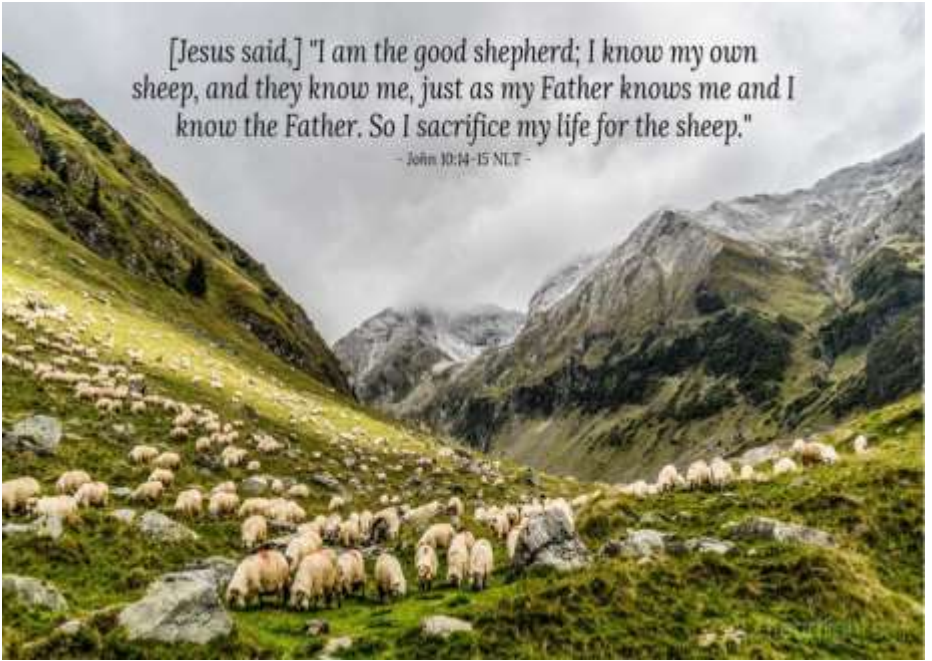


4th Sunday of Easter

April 25th, 2021

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep."

- John 10:14-15 NLT -



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AS WE GATHER

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.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 John 3:16a, 24; John 10:11, adapted*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: By this we know love,

People: **that He laid down His life for us.**

Pastor: "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord.

People: **The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

Pastor: Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him.

People: **And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.**

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Announcements

Coming Up:

Wed. April 28 7:00pm Spiritual Support Group Meeting

Sun. May 2 11:00am Live Streamed Service with outdoor communion to follow.

Thanks to:

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Elder next Sunday – Don

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