



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

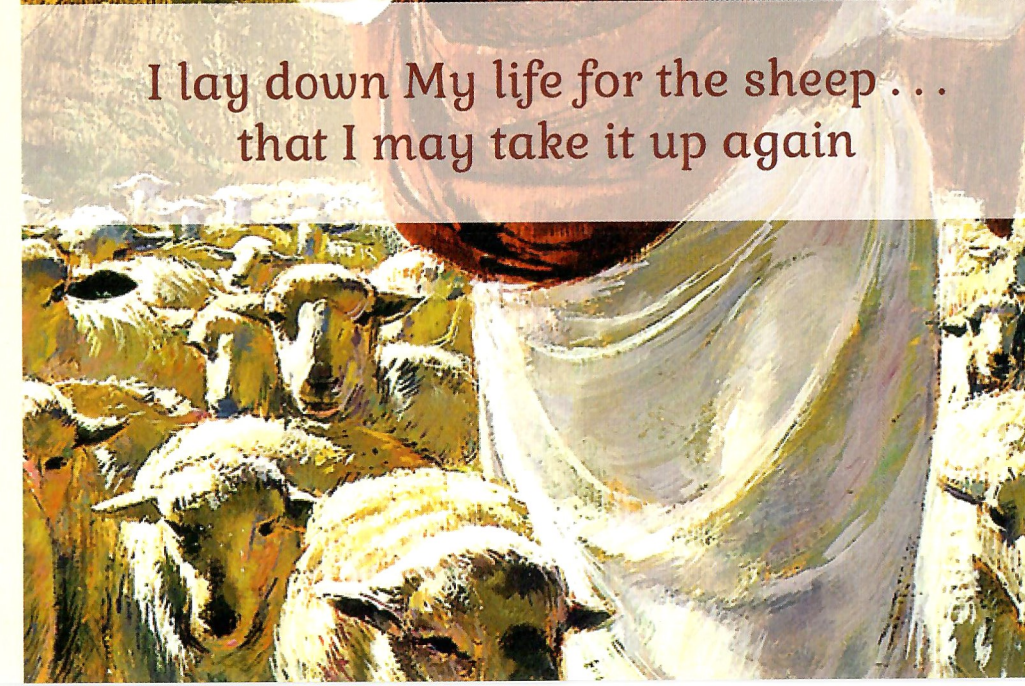
¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because 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

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



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

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Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Invocation

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The Introit:

P: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for my sheep.

C: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

C: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: 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: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep

The Kyrie Page 186

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P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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The Lord's Prayer

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Closing Hymn LSB#735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

We thank and welcome Pastor Neil Buono as our Proclaimer this Morning while Pastor leads worship and attends the Voters' Meeting at Trinity, McFarland. Pastor Buono normally leads the Worship on Sundays at Trinity McFarland.

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:30 PM.

Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays

Sunday School 8:45 AM Adult Bible Class 9:00 AM