

**About the Cover**

Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads His sheep to eternal life. The Good Shepherd is intent on giving life as He searches for the lost, gives guidance for the wandering, provides protection for the helpless, and delivers food for the hungry. He gave us this abundant life by laying down His own for His sheep and taking it up again. Since Christ gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, we can have confidence that the life He promises us is in His hand forever (see John 10:28).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**First Reading: Acts 2:42–47**

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who

judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

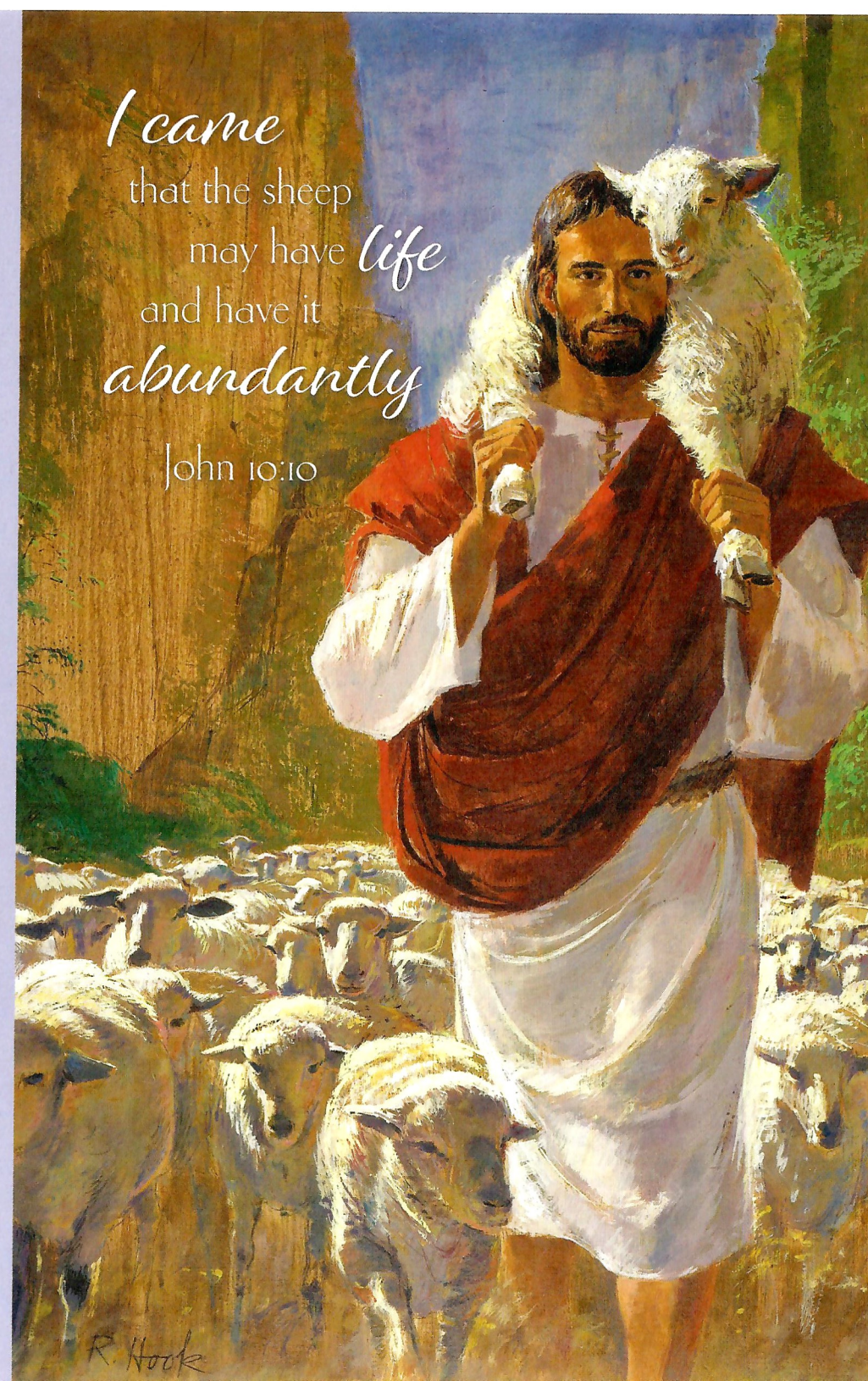
Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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John 10:10



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.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

THE DIVINE SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION

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Ringing of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#463 Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

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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: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

P: Oh, come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

C: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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 Pages 152-153 The Hymn of Praise This is the Feast Page 155
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The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (see back of bulletin)

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

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle Reading: 1Peter 2:19-25 (see back of bulletin)

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

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The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

The Sermon Hear the Voice! John 10:1-10

The Nicene Creed Page 158

The Prayer of the Church Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our Prayer.

The Offering

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The Distribution: Continuous Line

The Distribution Hymns LSB#711 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

The Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord Page 164

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Closing Hymn Now May He Who from the Dead

1. Now may He who from the dead Bro't the Shepherd of the sheep,
Jesus Christ, our King and Head, All our souls in safety keep!
2. May He teach us to fulfil What is pleasing in His sight,
Perfect us in all His will, And, preserve us day and night!
3. To that dear Redeemer's praise, Who the cov'nant sealed with blood.
Let our hearts and voices raise Loud thanksgiving to our God.

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM