

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

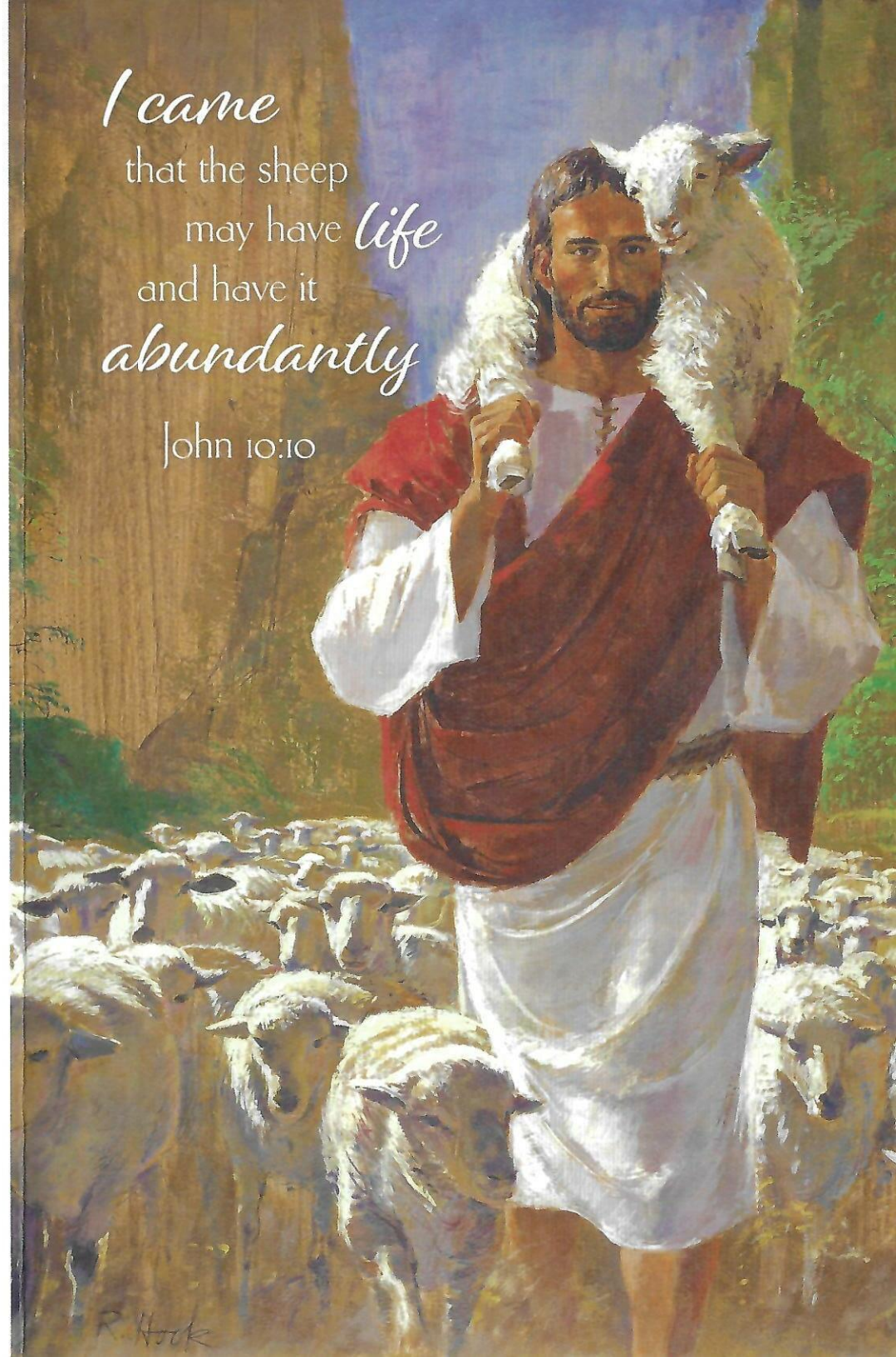
bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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



Easter

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).

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2026

Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB p.260
Hymn "THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE" #464

Opening Versicles

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Common

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

Teach me Your paths.

Sanctify us in Your truth.

Your Word is truth.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised. 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.

*****Psalm of the Day Ps. 27*****

The Lessons

The Gospel

Common Responsory

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Apostles' Creed & The Lord's Prayer LSB p.264

Hymn "HE'S RISEN, HE'S RISEN" #480 ^^

Sermon

Offering

Prayers & Collects

(Pastor's statement ends: "Let us pray to the Lord")

The people respond: "LORD HAVE MERCY")

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

Hymn "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING" #922

Announcements

SERMON NOTES

Sermon Title _____

Texts _____

Main Ideas / Thoughts _____

I Want to Remember _____

What Response Does God Want? _____
