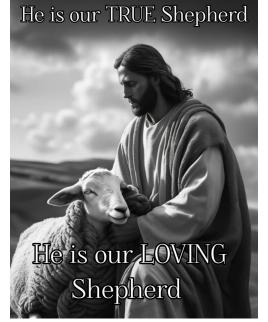
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY RESURRECTION REALITY: THE RISEN SAVIOR PROVIDES GOOD SHEPHERDING



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: John 10:11-18 "Jesus, Our Risen Savior, Is Our Good Shepherd"

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at <u>www.stjohnsmontello.org</u> and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES April 20 & 21, 2024 Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality 'Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

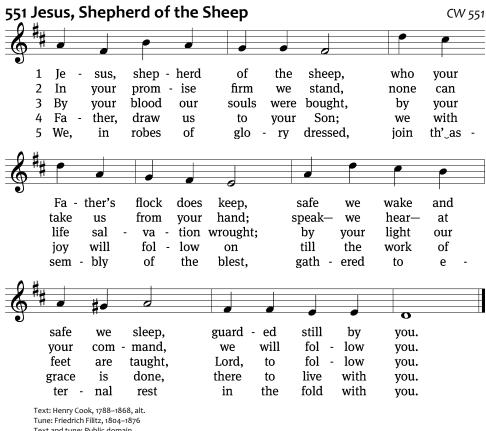
THEME OF THE DAY: THE RISEN SAVIOR PROVIDES GOOD SHEPHERDING Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The word "pastor" comes from the Latin word for "shepherd." Today, there are plenty of people— pastors, religious leaders, etc.—who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that "many" of these are "false prophets" (1 John 4:1) who "distort the truth" (Acts 20:30). Many! But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up true sub-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two; Hymnal Pages 172-182,171 **HYMNS:** 551, 471 v. 1-2, 552, 804 (Hymns also posted on the screen) **PSALM:** Psalm 23 "I Will Live in the House of the LORD"

SERMON: John 10:11-18 "JESUS, OUR RISEN SAVIOR, IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD 1. He is our TRUE Shepherd 2. He is our LOVING Shepherd"

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sunday School choir sings: "It's SON-day Again" (Sunday at St. John's)

OPENING HYMN: 551 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep" (School Hymn)



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

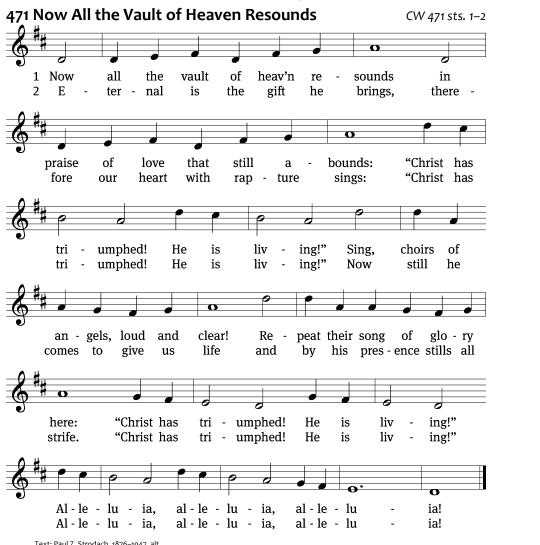
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.

Amen.



EASTER SEASON HYMN OF PRAISE: 471 v.1,2 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

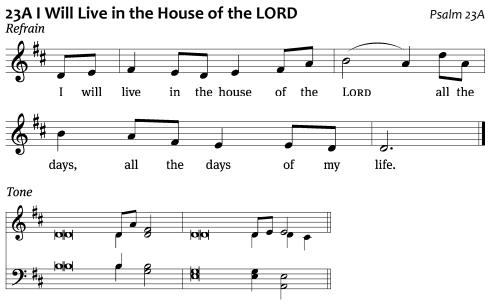
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 20:28-32

(The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.)

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³²"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The LORD is my / shepherd,

I lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in green / pastures,

he leads me beside quiet / waters,

he refreshes / my soul.

He guides me along the right paths 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. Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,

and I will 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. Refrain

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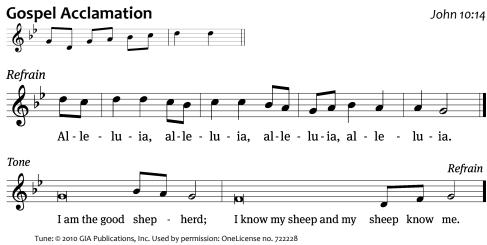
SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-6

(St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.)

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18 (Sermon Text)

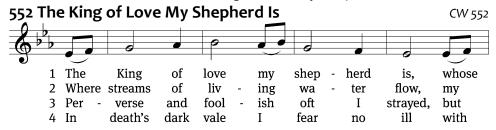
(Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.)

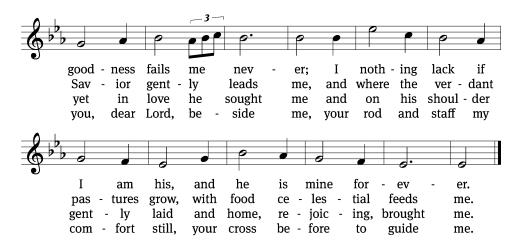
¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 552 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"





- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing; your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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SERMON: John 10:11-18 "JESUS, OUR RISEN SAVIOR, IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD 1. He is our TRUE Shepherd 2. He is our LOVING Shepherd"

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER (Sunday at St. John's: WELS Connection Video during collection of the offering)

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

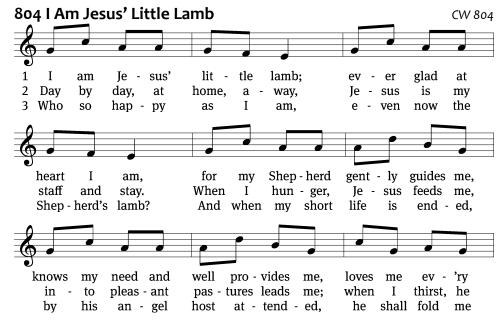
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

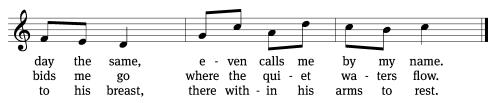
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 804 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday of Easter RESURRECTION REALITY: THE LIVING LORD PRODUCES ACTIVE FAITH

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EMMANUEL MEMBERS: The next Emmanuel Council Meeting will be Sunday, April 21 after Worship. The next Emmanuel Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, May 5 after Worship.



St. John's	Usher's	
	Schedule	
Saturday, April 20 Sunday, April 21	Saturday, April 27 Sunday, April 28	
Paul Van Treeck	Jerre Duerr	
Matt Borzick	Joe Zauner	
James Henke	Gordon Krause	
Haiden Van Treeck	Kevin Kaul	
Nolan Van treeck	Corey Kaul	
Brody Henke		
Milo Henke		

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Patty Emond, Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Pat Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: Patty Emond)

- For Mrs. Kathryn Noeldner called at our 4/10 SJ Call meeting to serve as Little Lambs director/teacher



SPECIAL NOTICE: Please check the items in the Lost & Found box in the information room. There are glasses, gloves, stuffed animal toys, jewelry, etc. in there. Items will soon be disposed of, so please look through them and make sure you're not missing anything. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: April 21-27, 2024			
Today	11:15 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting SJ	
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ	
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ	
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	BoE Meeting SJ	
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. –		Kindergarten Round Up SJ	
	11:30 a.m.		
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ	
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ	
5:30 p.m.		Soup & Scripture Women's Bible Study SJ	
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ	
Saturday	9:30a.m.	LWMS Rally Zion, Kingston	
	11:00 a.m.	Tot Time SJ	
	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship With Communion	

Next Sunday: April 28, 2024			
8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship With Communion		
8:30 a.m.	St. John's Sunday School		
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's		
9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting		
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship With Communion		

Attendance			
Date	EM	SJ	
4/13/24	-	8	
4/14/24	42	159	

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule				
	5/5/24	LL-CALA 8 at SJ Montello		
	5/19/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello		
	5/23/22	CALA at SJ Princeton		

<u>Thank you to my Church Family.</u> I love all of you and want you to know how much I appreciate all of your prayers, thoughts, cards, and everything else you've done for me. God Bless you all. You are my Church Family, and I am Blessed and glad to be a part of it. *Judy Fandrey*

Total March	Budget	March	Year to Date	Year to Date
Offerings	Needs	Expenses	Offerings	Expenses
\$25,278.62	\$33939.58	\$21,661.22	\$275,654.71	\$234,986.66

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

At our April 10 call meeting the voters present cast a unanimous vote to extend a call to Mrs. Kathryn Noeldner to be our next LL preschool Director/Teacher. Following is her contact information.

Phone: 605-886-7785 (home); 605-520-3473 (cell) Email: <u>kathy.noeldner@stmartinschurch.com</u> (work) 1006 18th St NE

Watertown SD 57201-6771

She is 62 years old, a graduate of MLC and is presently teaching 1st grade with a class size of 23. She is licensed in South Dakota. Her preference is indicated for pre-k - 3rd grade. She is married to Rodney who is employed as a metal finisher, nickel plating. She displays a love for the Lord and for serving God's people, has an unselfish attitude, and functions well as a member of a team. Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel.

Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

PERIDOT MISSION SERVICE PROJECT Last Day for donations! Lutheran Women's Missionary Society LWMS asks you to consider a monetary donation for 2 current building projects of Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot. Arizona—a new school and teacher housing—in our Native American mission. A collection container is in the church entrance or you can give your gift directly to your church's reporter— Helen Stelter-Emmanuel or Linda Wachholz-St. John's.

LWMS SPRING MISSION RALLY at ZION-KINGSTON on SATURDAY, APRIL

27 All are welcome to join us for a day centered on missions! <u>Speaker</u> Pastor Daniel Sims, Director WELS Christian Aid & Relief—"*Christ's Love Compels Us to Share with Others Spiritually and Physically!*" <u>Service Project</u>: monetary collection for Peridot school building projects (see separate announcement). 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:15 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting with Election of officers and new mission projects; 11:45 a.m. Lunch; 12:50 p.m. Devotion & Speaker; 2:10 p.m. Officer Installation & Closing. Carpool signup in Information Room at St. John's or call your LWMS Reporter: Helen Stelter, Emmanuel, 608-297-7116; Linda Wachholz, St. John's, 608-369-2635.



Kindergarten Round-Up

Wed., April 24th 8:00a - 11:30a

> Future kindergartners, come experience a morning in kindergarten and get to know the teacher, Mrs. Sellnow! A snack will be provided.

> > Children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2024 are welcome and encouraged to attend!

RSVP: Mrs. Lynn Sellnow

lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net

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On Sunday, April 14, 2024, at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church—Montello, three young men were confirmed in the Christian faith. Pictured from left to right: Pastor Pete Zietlow, Kaiden Schumann, Ethan Metcalf and Brody Henke.

Help us stay in touch!

Scan the code below using your smartphone camera and fill out the prompted information. Don't have a smartphone? That's ok! Fill out an attendance card located at the end of each pew and place it in the offering plate located at the entry of each church.



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