

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Worship Focus  
Alive with Hope... with Patience



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# Order of Service for FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## ✠ Gathering ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

**436 - Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep**



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with  
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and  
take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our  
joy will fol - low on Till the work of  
sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, We will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, There to live with you.  
ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPE TOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

## INVOCATION

- Minister** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- Congregation** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**
- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

- M** For the blessed conviction that you are the Son of God, and that you were born in Bethlehem to keep the Law of God perfectly in our place and to give you life into death for our redemption, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

- M** For the determination to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness to all the world and to administer the Sacraments faithfully according to your institution, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

M For your blessing on us as a fellowship of believers united in you, eager to do your will, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M Merciful Lord, open our eyes to behold your glory as the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing  
2 His law he en - forc - es; The stars in their cours - es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine.



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be - fore us,  
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing.

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M 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 him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

*Luke records the first martyrdom of one of the Good Shepherd's followers. Before he dies, Stephen preaches another of the sermons recorded in Acts.*

ACTS 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers,

choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

<sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup>They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen, <sup>2</sup>To this he replied: <sup>51</sup>”You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup>Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— <sup>53</sup>you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”

<sup>54</sup>When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>”Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup>dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.



## PSALM 23



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he  
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of  
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,  
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with  
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.  
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650.

Tune: BELMONT (CM) William Gardiner, 1770–1853, adapt.

## SECOND LESSON

### 1 Peter 2:19–25

*Jesus' sheep sometimes suffer, but never as much as the Good Shepherd did in order to make us his sheep.*

*This inspires our patience!*

<sup>1</sup>PETER 2:19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

<sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” <sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

*Jesus is the gate through whom all the sheep of God's flock must pass to enjoy life to its full.*

JOHN 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. <sup>3</sup>The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

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!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

✘ Sermon ✘

1 Peter 2:20b-25

**Alive with Hope... with Patience**

1. Encouraged by an example
2. Eased by an expectation

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## ✠ Prayers ✠

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Bidden by our Shepherd, let us come before Him on behalf of all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Blessed Shepherd, You established Your Church with Your sacrificial death and mighty resurrection. Grant us devotion, that we may abide in the teaching of the apostles and honor the fellowship of the Church. Guard us against all enemies of Your Word, and keep us within the care of Your flock and staff forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and good leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty against all threats. Give them wisdom and moderation in their pandemic response. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Shepherd, Your wounds are our healing and Your voice calls us to You in time of need. Hear us on behalf of all those who suffer in body or mind, who grieve those whom they love, and to whom death draws near. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts. Grant them healing according to Your will, grace to sustain them in the day of trouble, and hope of the new and everlasting life to come. Be with the unemployed and the distraught, and return them to health and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Shepherd, You seek out those who have fallen and restore the sinner to repentance. Send forth Your Spirit to rekindle faith in the hearts of those who have fallen away from the truth or who have been overcome by temptation and sin. Bring good from ill and increase in all the hunger for Your Word and a recognition of our need, that many may be gathered into Your flock when church doors are opened wide again. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Shepherd, You have not withheld anything from us but emptied Yourself upon the cross that we might be saved. Move our hearts to such devotion and teach us such generosity, that we may bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and serve our neighbor in need with the resources You have supplied to us so abundantly. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O great Good Shepherd, we pray You to hear Your sheep and answer our prayers with mercy, granting us those things profitable for us and our salvation and keeping from us all things harmful; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

## SERMON HYMN

422 – Jesus, Lead Us On



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,  
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,  
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;  
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,  
Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.  
Let not faith and hope for - sake us,  
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.  
Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

## ✘ Sending ✘

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### PRAYER

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

## BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

### 432 – I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd’s



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



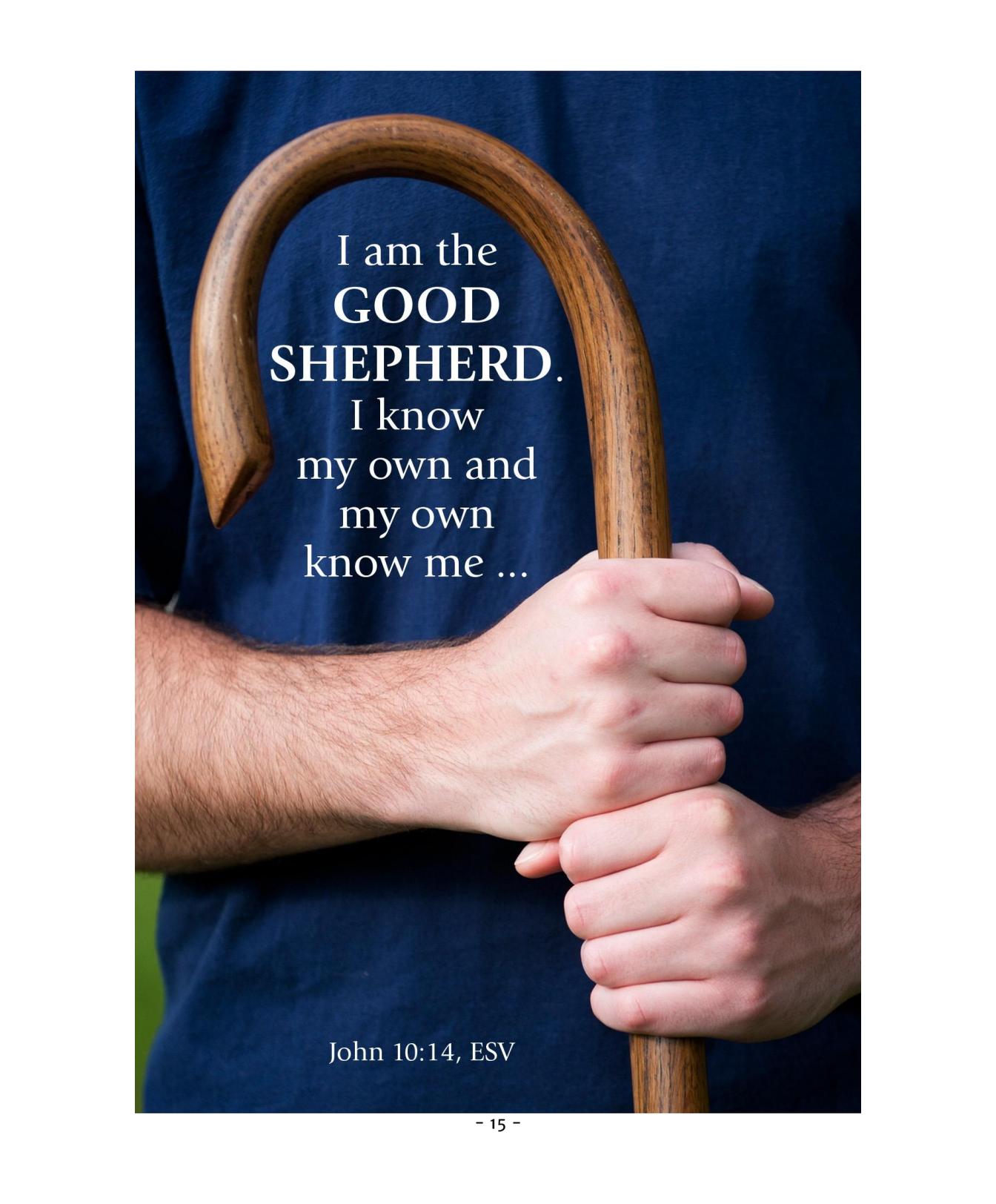
needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - ’ry  
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a wooden shepherd's crook. The person is wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The crook is made of light-colored wood and has a curved top. The background is a solid dark blue color.

I am the  
**GOOD**  
**SHEPHERD.**

I know  
my own and  
my own  
know me ...

John 10:14, ESV



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## **Calvary Lutheran Church Re-opening Plan** *Abbreviated Version*

It is the Board of Elders recommendation that Calvary provide onsite and in-person worship beginning the weekend of Saturday, May 9 and Sunday May 10. However, we will re-open within the spirit of “social distancing” restrictions outlined by the governor.

An individual member’s return to onsite, in-person worship is not mandatory, but entirely voluntary. Should anyone feel reservations about gathering, even within the guidelines of social distancing, we understand and encourage people to continue to watch services online. Also, per the recommendation of the governor’s report, we encourage those with underlying medical conditions or who are over the age of 65 to make use of our online worship and attend in person only at your discretion. Obviously, should someone have any symptoms of illness, we ask that they stay at home and use our online services.

In order to accommodate a maximum of 75 people, Calvary will offer FOUR services on the weekend: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Below are a few of the recommendations concerning onsite worship during the time of transition:

- Before Saturday, May 9, the Sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.
- The sanctuary will be sanitized between services (bathrooms, doorknobs, pews).
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- Masks ought to be worn at all times.
- We encourage people to enter through the north doors and exit through the east doors. A greeter will be positioned at the entrance and exit to open the doors.
- Seating in every-other-pew and six feet apart within the pew. Families can sit together.
- An usher will facilitate seating as people enter the sanctuary and exiting after worship.
- A plate will be available in the narthex for those who bring an offering.
- On Communion Sundays, communion will be offered. Distribution will be structured to eliminate the handling of bread and wine by anyone other than the communicant.
- Service folders only; hymnals and Bibles will not be available.
- After worship we encourage people to exit the sanctuary and make use of the generous space outside to visit while maintaining social distancing.
- These protocols are intended to help us through this transition. We look forward to the time when we can gather again in as close to normal as possible.