

Our Good Shepherd, Jesus, lived and died to purchase freedom from the punishment for sin, to obtain full pardon of all sin. With Jesus, it's real. It's personal. God loves me; He proved it; He guaranteed it. I am His; He is mine.



**Whether this is your first time here or you are long-time returning friends, we welcome you to our Father's House. We are thankful the Holy Spirit drew you to this place to hear our Father's Word, the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.**

## *From the pen of a dusty theologian*

"A sheep must live entirely by its shepherd's help, protection, and care. As soon as it loses him, it is surrounded by all kinds of dangers and must perish.

The reason? It is quite unable to help itself. It is a poor, weak, simple little beast that can neither feed nor rule itself, nor find the right way, nor protect itself against any kind of danger or misfortune.

Moreover, a sheep is by nature shy, timid and likely to go astray.

When a sheep does go a bit astray, it leaves its shepherd. It is unable to find its way back to him; indeed, a straying sheep merely runs ever farther away from its shepherd.

Though a sheep may find other shepherds and sheep, that does not help it, for it does not know

the voices of strange shepherds. Therefore the sheep flees from them also, going ever further. It strays until the wolf seizes it, or until it perishes alone some other way. . . .

This Good Shepherd, however, Whom the prophet foretold so long before, is Christ our dear Lord. Jesus is a shepherd much different from Moses.

Moses is harsh and unfriendly toward his sheep. Moses lays down rules, drives sheep away into the desert to wander, starve, die.

Christ, however, is the good, friendly Shepherd. He goes after a famished and lost sheep in the wilder-

ness, seeks it there and, when he has found it, lays it on his shoulder rejoicing.

Jesus Christ even "gave His life for His sheep." He is a friendly Shepherd. Who would not be happy to be His sheep?



 **WELCOMING SONG:** GRACIOUS SAVIOR

TUNE: **GloryBeToGod**



1 Gracious Sa- vior, gen- tle Shep- herd, we, Your child- ren, come to You;  
2 By Your gra- cious Word con- vince us al - ways to ap - prove the right;



May Your lov - ing arms en - fold us in Your care our  
Keep us close in lov - ing - kindness, trust - ing You through



whole life through; By Your ten - ding and pro - tecting keep us safe in  
all our life; By Your ho - ly Word in - struct us, fill our minds with



all we do. A - - men, a - men!  
heav'nly Light. A - - men, a - men!



A - - men, a - men!

**PASTOR:** In the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

**CHILDREN & ADULTS: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

Heavenly Father, You gathered us to bless us once again. And once again  
You lead each of us to confess our sins to You and to each other.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am completely sinful from birth. I have  
sinned against You. I do not deserve to be called Your child. Your Word**

**tells me to trust in Jesus Christ as my Savior. So I ask: Have mercy on me, according to Your unfailing Word.**

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, paid off Your debt of sin. As one of His called and ordained servants, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ sent me to tell you this Good News: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Believe this Good News. Be at peace. Go and sin no more. Amen.

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a -  
 2. All pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, in earth and

gain in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to  
 heav'n in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to

you to share His love as He told me to: He said,  
 you to share His pow'r as He told me to: He said,

"Free - ly free - ly, you have re - ceived. Free - ly,



22

free - ly give; Go in My name and, be -

27


cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

### Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His Word we may know Him who calls us each by name; move us to eagerly follow where He leads. He is our Shepherd and we are Your sheep. Thank you. Amen.



### BIBLE READING BEFORE CHRIST'S BIRTH— PSALM 23

 *Refrain*

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

*Psalm tone*

The LORD is my Shepherd; / I shall not be in want.  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures; / He leads me beside quiet waters.  
 He restores my soul; / He guides me in paths of righteousness 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 goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, /  
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.

REFRAIN

**BIBLE READING DURING JESUS' LIFE—John 10:11-18 (EHV)**

<sup>11</sup> "I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them.

<sup>13</sup> Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I AM the Good Shepherd. I know My sheep and My sheep know Me <sup>15</sup> (just as the Father knows Me and I know the

Father). And I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice.

Then there will be one flock and one Shepherd. <sup>17</sup> This is why the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from My Father."



**ADULT CHOIR: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

## **BIBLE READING AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION — Acts 20:28-32 (CEV)**

<sup>8</sup> Look after yourselves and everyone the Holy Spirit has placed in your care. Be like shepherds to God's church. It is the flock He bought with the blood of His own Son.

<sup>29</sup> I know that after I am gone, others will come like fierce wolves to attack you. <sup>30</sup> Some of your own people will tell lies to win over the Lord's followers. <sup>31</sup> Be on your guard!

Remember how day and night for three years I kept warning you with tears in my eyes.

<sup>32</sup> I now place you in God's care. Remember the message about His gift of undeserved grace! This message can help you and give you what belongs to you as God's people.

## **BIBLE LETTER AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION — 1 John 4:1-6 (MSG)**

My dear friends, don't believe everything you hear. Carefully weigh and examine what people tell you. Not everyone who talks about God comes from God. There are a lot of lying preachers loose in the world.

<sup>2-3</sup> Here's how you test for the genuine Spirit of God. Everyone who confesses openly his faith in Jesus Christ—the

Son of God, who came as an actual flesh-and-blood person—comes from God and belongs to God.

And everyone who refuses to confess faith in Jesus has nothing in common with God. This is the spirit of antichrist that you heard was coming. Well, here it is, sooner than we thought!

## **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.**



**VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY: JESUS, SHEPHERD**

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(Sunday– Solo v1-3 Andrew Bunt  
Congregation joins in v4-5)

**Sermon Text: John 10:11-18 (EHV)**

Theme: **Is Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, worth following?**

**Listen: None better!** v11-13

**Think: None truer!** v14-16

**Trust: None clearer!** v17-18

#### OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Dear members and friends of Good Shepherd's family of faith, God freely gives us all; and out of love God's people respond freely. None of this is forced, but flows from God's mercy and grace back to Him in thanks and praise.

So, we thank God our Father, and we thank you, for your gifts for His use. God's family of faith strongly supports God's Gospel ministries here and worldwide. If you are a visitor, please remember your local congregation. Your home congregation depends on your offerings to continue their Gospel ministries.

If you are visiting Good Shepherd and are moved to give a gift to our ministries, we bless and thank you for your gifts.



Offering Hymn

**TUNE: GloryBeToGod**

**Christ had died and now is risen. Christ the Savior is my King.**

**Freely taught Your Word of kindness, we Your children, sing Your praise:  
now with hearts and minds united glad thank-off'rings let us bring. Amen.**



## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PASTOR: The LORD is my Shepherd

**CHILDREN AND ADULTS: Jesus, You looked for me and found me with Your Word. You brought me into Your flock.**

I shall lack nothing. You make me lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside quiet waters

**Lord Jesus, thank You for seeing to my every need, body, mind and spirit. And for sending Jesus with His refreshing Word of peace forever with You.**

You restore my soul

**Jesus, thank You for healing the part of me no doctor can reach, my soul.**

You guide me in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake

**Holy Spirit, thank You for Your Word to keep me close to Yourself.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

**Jesus, in the scary places of my life Your promise to be with me gives me hope and courage.**

I will fear no evil, for You are with me

**Jesus, crucified and risen, You are for me and with me! I am never alone.**

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**God, thank You for Your discipline. Keep me close to Your Word and close with Your flock.**

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

**Heavenly Father, thank You for Your limitless kindnesses for all to see.**

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows

**Holy Spirit, thank You for personally caring for my specific needs. You bless me way more than I can even count. Thank You!**

Surely goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life.

**Holy Spirit, thank You running after me in life, pursuing me with Your grace and mercy**

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever

**Lord God, I look forward to giving You thanks and praise with all Your saints.**

Hear our requests for these souls and their cares:

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We place them all in Your nail  
-pierced hands, our Savior  
and Lord. Thank You for Your  
Word that sustains and comforts.  
Now Jesus, our dear Good

Shepherd, we boldly come to  
our Father. We join to use the  
perfect prayer, that You, Jesus  
our Savior, taught us how to  
pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER, BENEDICTION, PARTING SONG



Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1778  
Tr., composite

"Brueder Choral-Buch," 1784

1 I am Je-sus' lit-tle lamb, Ev - er glad at heart I am;

For my Shep-herd gen-tly guides me, Knows my need, and well pro-vides me,

Loves me ev - 'ry day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.

2

Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

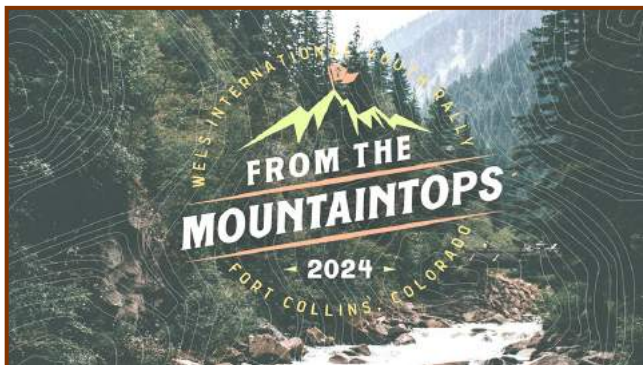
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Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

## AS WE LOOK FORWARD —

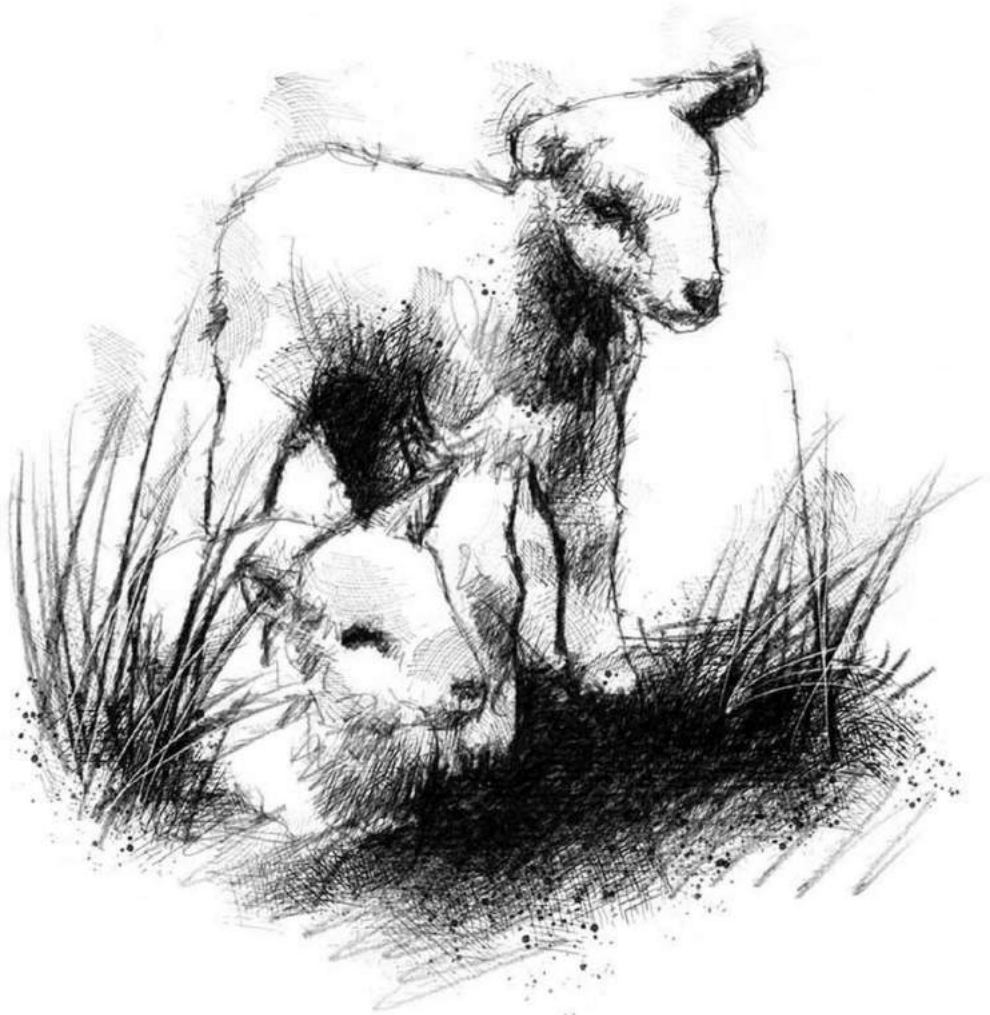
Listen to exciting echoes of God's great good news in the days or years the Lord has planned for us. What comfort! What joy! Jesus said, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself." Easter's message goes on: Not Here! Risen! Come & See.! Go & Tell.

**Thursdays: 6:30pm and Sundays 9:00am**



*Scan the QR code to discover real, certain hope this Easter!*





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# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD



**Our mission is simple and bold:**

We seek to *grow in faith and knowledge* of our Savior Jesus. We want to *make Him known to others* so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

## OUR WEEK WITH JESUS

<b>Sunday 21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> 10:15 am 10:15 am	<b>Worship</b> Quarterly Voters' Assembly Sunday School
2:00 pm Cable TV of <b>Last week's</b> service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985		
<b>Monday 22</b>	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Coffee w/ Christ @ Grace's <b>Choir</b>
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Thursday 25</b>	3:00 pm <b>6:30 pm</b>	Bible study at church (God's Parables) <b>Worship with Communion</b>
<b>Friday 19</b>	10:00 am	Women's Bible study at McMillan Library
<b>Sunday 21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> 10:15 am	<b>Worship with Communion</b> Bible study and Sunday School
Worship Online 24/7 at <a href="http://live.1goodshepherd.org">live.1goodshepherd.org</a>		

**Birthdays this week:** (21) Becky Thorpe (24) Zach Erwin (27) Jerry Wiessinger

<b>Usher Teams</b>	04/21	Chris Rhein & Bruce Mohns
	04/28	David Hoppe & Andy Hogan
	05/05	Dwight Gilbert & Ron Fregien

**Did the warmer weather make you excited for planting? The Good Shepherd Youth Group will be having a plant sale later this spring to offset the cost of going to the International Youth Rally in June.**



**Look for plant order forms coming soon!**



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**Our Extended & Growing  
Family of Faith remains in our prayers to God our Father**



Andy Hogan family of Dr. Kevin Miller  
Pat Tesch Emily Erwin Becky Thorpe  
Connie Heitl Chris Ryun Pat & Al Rozelle  
Diane Bannerman Elmer Loechler Alberta Schroeder  
Hannah Grant Lynn & Deb Ives Lauren Thomas  
Bill & Elaine Harrington Betty Havlik Brad Roberts  
Sam & Becky Piper Jon Mittelsteadt  
Jerry & Donna Marks Troy Marks Jerry & Marcie Wiessinger  
Kaden Kreutzer Dr. Rev. Karl and Karen Kuenzel in Ecuador  
Sonia in India Melissa in England, Syed Gul in Pakistan Junita in Hong Kong  
Forrest & Dyde -France Jeff & Christi Weingart Family  
Mandy Ehlike & Family Pastor Mike Wolff  
Dr. Cheli & DeeDee Marichal family Jenna KammueLLer  
Gloria Walters in NY Pat Hunziker in IN  
Elizabeth in CA Janet in CA Kristin in USA Sean Jenkins in TN

**PRAISE & PROCLAIM**  
MINISTRIES

Evangelism in the digital age: How to spread the gospel in our communities both personally and on-line. **This presentation has been postponed until May 19, 2024, where Dave will give his presentation via a ZOOM conference during Bible Study time. Please join us then.**

Openings available for helping with our Outreach Effort at the Rome Farmer's market this summer! Sign up sheet on table by basement door. Contact Pastor John with any questions.



**Amish Community Bus Tour**  
Friday, Aug. 23  
8:30 to 5:30 pm



\$55.00 per person. Includes coach bus, experienced Amish tour guide, and lunch at Badger Crossing. Registration is on the table in the narthex.