

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27 & 30, 2023

*He Lives To Be My Good Shepherd*

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**Opening Hymn** .....551, “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”

**Order of Service**.....Setting Two, Page 172

**Prayer of the Day:** 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.

### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)**.....Psalm 23F

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 179

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.*

### GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** .....552, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

**SERMON**..... “Jesus Stands Guard Over You” John 10:1-10

**Offering Hymn** ..... 748 v. 1, “Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

**Apostles’ Creed** ..... Page 181

**Hymn** ..... 798, “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

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**Closing Hymn** .....804, “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

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### FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

**The early Church was marked by devotion to apostolic teaching and genuine love for one another. And the Good Shepherd’s flock grew.**

*They continued to hold firmly to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.*

*Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

**St. Peter calls us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer, even if it means that we suffer for doing good.**

*For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.*

*Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

### GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

**Jesus is not only our Good Shepherd. He is the gate through which we enter into the green pastures of salvation.**

*“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.*

*So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:** Today is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments being served immediately following Sunday's worship service. We thank Leo & Bonnie Borden for hosting this fellowship hour!

**SERVICE GROUP MEETING:** The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday (TODAY), April 30**. All confirmed members are invited and encouraged to participate!

**MRS. HORN RETURNS CALL:** For those of you who may not have heard, we are pleased to report that Mrs. Sarah Horn has returned her call to St. Philip's, Milwaukee, and will remain here at St. Matthew's. We pray that the Lord continues to bless her work here!

**ORGANISTS!!** The **May** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**RUMMAGE & VENDOR SALE:** As you start your spring cleaning, set aside items you may wish to donate for St. Matthew's PTL rummage sale which will be held on **Saturday, May 6**, in our school gym. The sale will run from **8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. This sale will also feature vendors from our congregation, baked goods, a plant sale, and a silent auction. So much fun all in one place! Items for the rummage sale will be collected on **Friday, May 5**. Please do not bring them ahead of time as we do not have any place to store them.

We are looking for a few additional things for this sale. Can you help out? We need baked goods which can be brought to the school on **Friday, May 5**, at any time during the school day. We need volunteers to help at the sale, i.e., cashiers, greeters; and we could use a few more vendors. Currently we have Trisha Robenhorst (clothing); Johnson Family (homemade goods); and Alex Foulkes (bath & body products). The vendors are giving back a percentage of their sales to the school. If there are any other members of our congregation who may be interested in selling items at this sale, please contact **Ruth Callies** in the next day or so. Please also let her know if you are able to help in the other ways described above. Thank you!

**ANNUAL GROUNDS INSPECTION:** All church council members are reminded that our annual grounds inspection will take place at the **Wednesday (May 10)** council meeting. This meeting will begin at **6:30 PM!**

**\*\*\*ELDERS**—please be reminded that your meeting will begin at **6:00 PM** that evening.

**WALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Our school will be hosting this year's WALL Softball Tournament on **Friday – Saturday, May 19-20**, at the Iron Ridge Firemen's Park. All are invited and encouraged to come down and cheer our team on as well as enjoy the concessions which will be served throughout the tournament. If you would be willing to help in any way (i.e. working concessions, grilling, providing donations, setting up, cleaning up), please speak with Kevin Lorge as soon as possible. We need all the help we can get with this big of an endeavor! There will be 11 teams involved and all their families in attendance!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 19; Sunday: 93

**Offerings:** \$2,944.43

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)*

**Special Funds:** Christian Aid & Relief: \$50.00

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:                      **Worship Service (Fellowship Sunday)** .....9:00 AM  
*Service Group Meeting – Immediately following fellowship hour*

Thursday:                      Communion Worship Service .....7:00 PM  
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM

Friday:                              ***DROP OFF RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS!!***

Saturday:                              *RUMMAGE & VENDOR SALE* (in St. Matthew's Gym) .....  
.....8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday:                              Communion Worship Service .....9:00 AM  
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM

# 23F My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23F



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he  
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -  
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when  
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will  
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his  
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings  
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.  
or a guest but like a child at home.