

Historic Scripture Lessons for Easter-3 † Good Shepherd Sunday

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11-16 NIV "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I Myself will search for My sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. 14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I Myself will tend My sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. 16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Epistle

I Peter 2:21-25 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an Example, that you should follow in His steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth." 23 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. 24 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. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you

have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Historic Gospel

John 10:11-16 "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the Shepherd Who owns 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. 13 The 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 - 15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father - and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I 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.

3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

John 10:22-30 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The Jews gathered around Him, saying, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in My Father's Name speak for Me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. 27 My sheep listen to My Voice; I know them, and they follow Me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My Hand. 29 My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's Hand. 30 I and the Father are One."

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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May 5th, 2019 ✧ *Misericordias Domini Good Shepherd*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before Communing. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. God bless your Worship.

OUR WORSHIP ORDER Words on silver liturgy sheets or in red hymnal p.15.

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	431 (6v)	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Psalm Hymn	ELH359 (5v)	This is the Feast of Victory for our LORD
Hymn of the Day	368 (4v)	The LORD My Pasture Shall Prepare
Offertory Verses	648 (3v)	<i>Sing vv.1-3 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb ... →</i>
Distribution Hymn	315 (15)	I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Closing Hymn	436 (5v)	The LORD's My Shepherd I'll Not Want

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Micah 2:12-12	Isa. 30:29-26	Jere. 3:11-19	Ezek.34:1-11	Ezek.34:12-22	Ezek.34:23-31
John 5:1-17	John 5:18-30	John 5:31-47	John 6:16-29	John 6:30-40	John 6:41-59

PROPERs for EASTER-3(2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER) MAY 5TH

INTROIT The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. Alleluia! By the Word of the LORD the Heavens were made. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. ...from Psalm 33

COLLECT God, by the humiliation of Your Son, raised up the fallen world; grant to Your faithful people perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives and reigns, with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever **C:**

GRADUAL C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Then was the LORD known of the disciples in the breaking of bread. Alleluia! I am the Good Shepherd and know My sheep and am known of Mine. Alleluia! ...from John 10

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. **Ezekiel 34:11-16** The LORD promises to Shepherd His flock.
 Epi. **I Peter 2:21-25** "Follow Christ's example in suffering."
 Gos. **John 10:11-16** "I'm the Good Shepherd; I know you and you Me."

Psalm 23 (KJV) The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (Amen.)

PSALM "HYMN" for Easter: *This is the Feast of Victory* - Please SING along!

Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*

1. Worthy is Christ, the- Lamb Who was slain,
Whose Blood set us free to be the people of God.
Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*
2. Pow-er, riches-, wisdom and strength, And honor-, bles-sing and glory are His.
Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*
3. Sing- with all the- people of God And join in the hymn of all crea--tion.
Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*
4. Blessing, honor-, glory and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. A--men.
Refrain: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.*
5. For- the Lamb--- Who was slain Has begun His- Reign,- Al-le-lu---ia!
Last: *This is the Feast- of Victory for our God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu---ia!*

OFFERTORY 648: *1. I am Jesus' little lamb, - Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me, Loves me every day the same, - Even 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.

3. 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. A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Linda Avant (Al's mother) Linda has had acute Syatica pain. In & out of LRMC
 Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
 Jon & Andrea Sawyer (& Sister) Martha Herbert LRMC w/multiple infections
 Vivian Temple (Tom) Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
 Stacey Terhune (Wienke daughter) Having spinal pain and surgery
 James Vanhune & Delores Platt Jim had a procedure on his L5 lumbar

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Joan Patrick	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker
Treaters		

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	26 / (-)	29 / 24
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	10, X	11, 10
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$.	YTD \$,.((\$22.6K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, May 5 th	9:00 am	BibleStudy Bible Symbols: Wind & Spirit
Easter-3 G.S. Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Jesus Good Shepherd	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Wednesday 5/8	6:00 pm	Midwk Bible Study: S.o.M. Jesus' Teachings
Next Sunday 5/12	9:00 am	BibleStudy Bible Symbols: Wind & Spirit
Easter-4/C Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Jubilaté = "Rejoice"	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

Next Sunday 5/12 Easter-4 Jubilaté (p.5 No LS) Hymns 41 263 644 192 535

Easter4C GoodShepherd Revelation 7:9-17 "JESUS=GOOD SHEPHERD" 04.21.13

My sheep hear My Voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them Eternal Life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My Hand. (John 10:27-28)

PRETTY PICTURE Sheep and Shepherd. It's **Good Shepherd Sunday**, the 3rd Sunday of Easter. In Latin **Miseracordias Domini** Sunday. The Merciful Heart of the Lord. And **no image more clearly captures** the merciful heart of the Lord than that of the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep.

R U THE 1? Jesus was walking about the Temple grounds. It was winter, the feat of Dedication, Chanukah. He was in the **Colonnade of Solomon**, the son of David. The "**Son of David**" in the Colonnade of the son of David. Prophecy and fulfillment meet. Naturally there is religious interest in Jesus. He's created quite a stir healing the sick, cleansing lepers, driving out demons, raising the dead. He's drawn a lot of interest and quite a following. The religious gather around Him to quiz Him some more. Are you the Christ? Stop beating around the bush and tell us plainly. We need to know whether we should invest in or not. So tell us, Jesus. And none of those clever Parables and funny sayings of yours. Tell us plainly, **Are you the Messiah or not?**

WORKS & WORDS The works speak for themselves, Jesus says. So do His Words. There's no question that Jesus claimed to be the promised Messiah, the Christ. He also claimed God as His Father, that He was sent by the Father to do His Father's saving will. He claimed that He and the Father were one, that is, one in essence.

TEMPLE v. JESUS Still they did not believe. In fact, they took up stones to kill Him. They sought ways to have Him arrested. They sought ways to get rid of Him. He was inconvenient, an embarrassment. He challenged their religious notions. He laid waste to their concept of righteousness as something earned. He challenged the very foundations of their religion. He almost seemed indifferent to the temple as He walked its Colonnades. The Temple which was so central to the worship of Israel. The Temple with its troubled history – destroyed and rebuilt, captured and desecrated, recaptured and purified (the reason the Feast of the Dedication or Chanukah celebrated). Herod was undertaking a massive renovation of the Temple, in order to earn the favor of the people. Yet Jesus seems rather cool and indifferent toward the temple. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again." The Temple, of course, was His own Body, His Flesh which He would give for the life of the world. **The lesser gave way to the Greater.**

ALL POINT TO JESUS With Jesus, all the prophetic images coalesce and combine. **Temple, Priesthood, Sacrifice, Lamb, Shepherd.** Jesus is **ALL of these**, and all of these prepared for the coming of Jesus. He is the Dwelling of God with man, the High Priest of humanity, the Sole Sacrifice for sin, the Lamb Who takes away the sin of the world, the Good Shepherd Who lays down His life for the sheep. Oddly, He was **rejected by those** who were looking for Him. They refused to be part of His flock, they refused Him as their Shepherd, and in their refusal, they were blind to who Jesus is. And so instead of hearing His Voice and following Him, they **took up stones and plotted to kill Him.**

WE'RE MORE SUBTLE(?) We're considerably more polite. Maybe we don't throw stones at Jesus these days, and Crucifixions are long a thing of the past and wouldn't pass muster being both cruel and unusual punishment. We're more inclined to **ignore Him, marginalize and mythologize Him.** Leave Jesus safely on a shelf somewhere. Out of sight, out of mind. We're more inclined to turn our attention on our needs, our sense of purpose, our well-being, Looking out for **#1** (that's **me**). Jesus' call to follow Him is drowned out by what seem to be more urgent calls. His call to repentance is replaced by more comfortable religions that promise a better return on our faith investment than to take up our cross and follow Him. The big proof has been offered to the world in Jesus' death and resurrection, and still we clamor for proof, scientific proof, some clincher that Jesus is the one, the real deal, the one who will work for us.

WOLVES Make no mistake about it. There **are** wolves in sheep's clothing. The **Apostle Paul warned the Ephesian pastors** that fierce wolves would come after he left, twisting doctrine, distorting grace, not sparing the flock, drawing disciples to themselves. Some would even come from within the ranks of their own. Pastors who strayed from the truth for some novelty, something different, something marketable. The same exists today. The enemies to the Gospel come both from outside **and inside the Church.** It may surprise us, but it shouldn't. It was true at the time of the Apostles too.

DANGER DANGER! Probably the most destructive books today are not written by atheists. It's easy to get all wound up by people who mock religion in general and Christianity in particular, people like **Bill Maher or Richard Dawkins.** But, what about the attacks from **within** (the Christian Church)?

BELIEVED NOT SEEN That's why the Church always remains an **article of faith, something confessed and believed but not seen.** We believe in One, Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church. We believe precisely because we can't see, and because the church really isn't much to look at. That, perhaps, is the greatest deception of our day, that where the biggest and richest and loudest is going on, there God must be at work. But the fact of church history is that the novelties were always more popular. We are so much like sheep, everyone going in his own spiritual direction, sipping from polluted puddles, munching on deadly weeds, following wayward paths that lead to death and destruction. Or as **Isaiah** put it poetically, "*All we like sheep have gone astray, everyone has turned to his own way.*"

DEPENDENT NOT STUBBORN That's really the **Point of Comparison** with Jesus the Good Shepherd and we as sheep of His pasture. It's not that sheep are stupid or stubborn so much as they are wandering and wayward. They are dependent on their Shepherd who leads them, feeds them, brings them to fresh and living water, tends their wounds, sets them on their feet, literally lays down His life for their life. That's the image of the Church gathered around Jesus, **around His Word and Sacraments,** and what He does for us.

PICTURE CHURCH (& JESUS) "*My sheep hear My Voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*" **Holy lambs** and sheep who hear the Voice of their Shepherd. That's how **Luther** described the Church. That would apply to us gathered here this morning. A flock gathered around its Good Shepherd. And

Jesus here to feed and lead, to bring us to the refreshing waters of Baptism, to restore our souls with His Forgiveness, to set a Table in the presence of our enemies, to anoint our heads with the oil of gladness.

“...EVEN CALLS ME BY MY NAME.” He knows you, better than you know yourself. **He calls you by your name.** He goes ahead of you through the dark valley of the shadow of Death and the grave. He conquered them for you, so you need fear no evil. He comforts you with the rod and staff of His Word.

PROMISE There is a Promise. *“I give them Eternal Life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My Hand.”* Those **Cross-scarred Hands of Jesus hold your life** in a way that you cannot. Your hold on your life is a tenuous hold at best. You realize that every time you get a taste of your own mortality. A health scare perhaps, or a near accident. Or one of those **“life flashes before your eyes”** moments. Or just the realization that **“dust you are and to the dust you return.”** All you have is this present moment. One day, you will lose your grip on your life. We all eventually will, like it or not. But One does not. Jesus holds your life wholly and entirely, in a way that you cannot. He’s **got the whole world in His Hands.** He has your life in His Hands, and nothing can ever snatch you away from Him.

GET A (DEATH) GRIP You see, it’s not about your grip on Jesus, but **His “death” grip on you.** It’s the grip of **your Baptism** by which you were buried in Jesus and joined with Him in His death and life. It’s the grip of His Word doing its killing and making alive thing with you. Killing the sinner, drowning the sin, literally making a sheep out of a goat, a believer out of an unbeliever. A child of the Father, a member of the family, a sheep of the Good Shepherd’s pasture. You see, sheep don’t make a flock, shepherds do. Sheep constitute a flock, but the shepherd gathers them. And when you’ve been gathered by the Good Shepherd, you’ve been gathered forever.

(REVELATION) On the Island of **Patmos**, the **Apostle John** was privileged to see and hear something few people get to see in this life. The Heavenly side of Worship. The Liturgy of Heaven. What he saw was a countless multitude waving palm branches, like an eternal Palm Sunday, worshipping a Lamb who was slain but lives, seated at the Right Hand of the Father, surrounded by four living creatures representing the whole created order, by 24 elders representing the Old and New Testament Church, surrounded by countless angels. The description of that congregation **John** saw is a description of the Good Shepherd’s flock, of you too in Jesus. Listen again to what John heard: *“These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”* (...Blood washing white?) *“Therefore they are before the Throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His Temple; and He who sits on the Throne will shelter them with His Presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the Throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

U-2 That’s about **YOU TOO.** That’s your destiny in Jesus. That’s your life as it is held now in Jesus. Jesus is **YOUR** Good Shepherd; you lack nothing in Him. And in Him, **YOU will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. IJ’N, Amen. sdc**

(Romans 12:12) PRAYER *Lord Jesus, let Your Spirit keep us in faith and explain to our spirit that it is a little while we do not see You. Make us glad in hope, patient in tribulation and watchful in prayers. Give us steadfastness, and make us partakers of Your eternal joy.”*

Possible Prayer of the Church ✧ Good Shepherd Sunday ✧ May 5th 2019

*Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible silence) ... Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

O Lord, You once promised to raise up a Shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving to us **Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd.** Grant us to hear His voice and know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your everlasting arms forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You called St. Paul to testify to the Gospel of Your grace and favor. Continue to raise up **pastors** to declare to Your flock the whole counsel of Your Word and to be the (under-)**shepherds** of our souls, delivering the riches of Your grace in **Word and Sacrament.** Equip us with Your grace and Spirit, that we may hear and heed their faithful proclamation and be kept upon the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You will not allow any power or enemy to triumph over Your saving purpose or snatch Your lambs from Your Hand. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern in our land according to Your Law and defend the lives of the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed and the aged. Bless all those who **make, administer and judge our laws,** that they may not hinder Your good purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have provided us with the gift of **family.** Bless those who have shown to us a mother’s love and nurtured our lives from childhood. Bless and protect all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the **sick and suffering** according to Your gracious Will, and give Your comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*including **OSL Prayer List***]. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing in Heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have shown to us a generous and Merciful Heart and taught us it is more blessed to give than to receive. Accept our gratitude for all Your mercies new each morning, for Your tender care in time of need and for the gift of life. Receive now the **gifts of our hands with our voices** raised in thanksgiving and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have heard the cries of Your people and delivered the martyr from defeat and the saints to everlasting life. Wipe away the tears from Your grieving people, and raise us up to joy in the promise of the Resurrection and the Life death cannot steal. We acknowledge before You the saints who loved You and served You faithfully, and we pray You to bring us with them into the joy of Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, Dear Father, we ask in the Name of Jesus, **our Good Shepherd,** through Whom we have confidence and boldness to pray. **Amen. L.S.**