

## First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself

bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

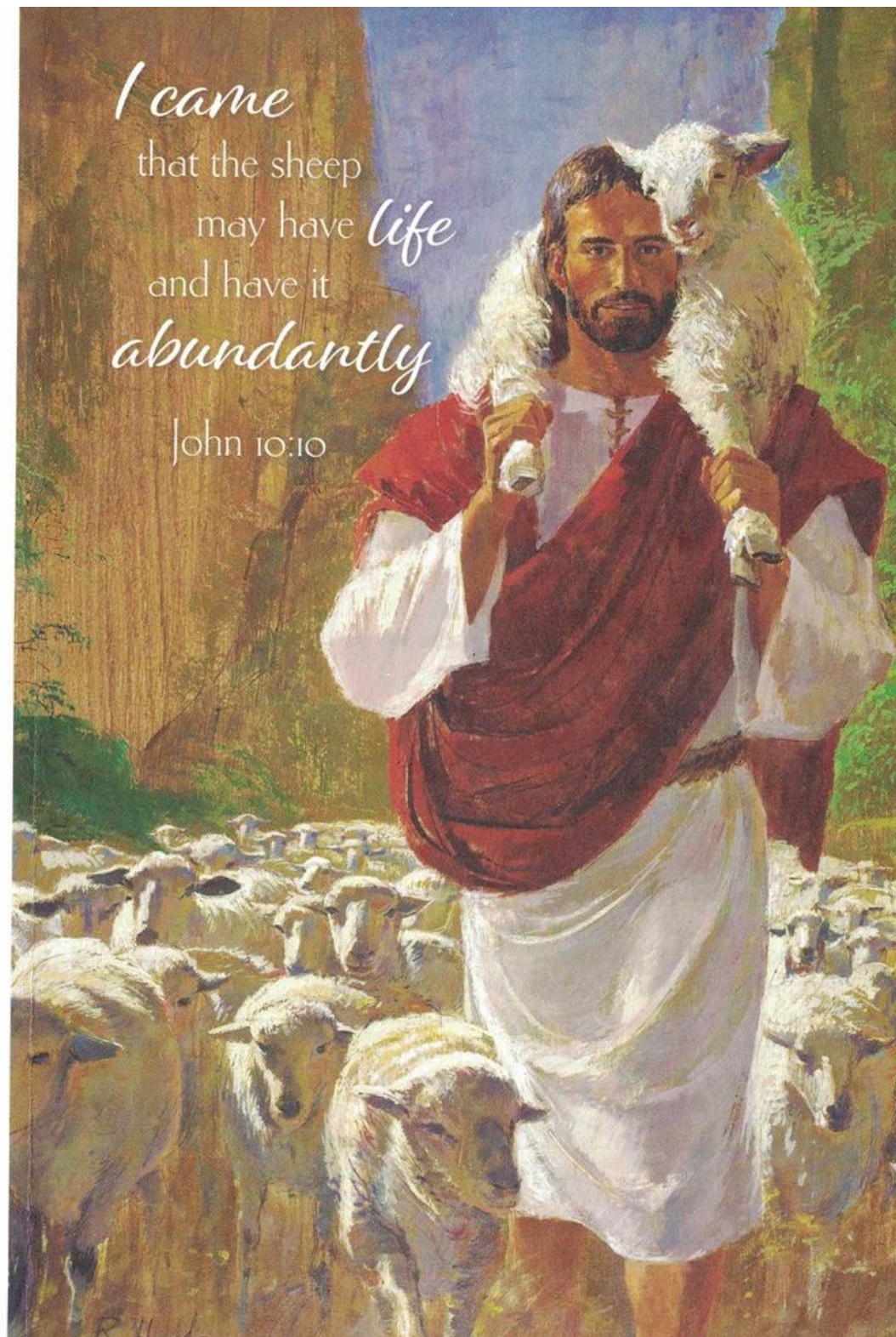
## Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

*I came  
that the sheep  
may have life  
and have it  
abundantly*

John 10:10



Easter

**About the Cover:** Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads His sheep to eternal life. The Good Shepherd is intent on giving life as He searches for the lost, gives guidance for the wandering, provides protection for the helpless, and delivers food for the hungry. He gave us this abundant life by laying down His own for His sheep and taking it up again. Since Christ gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, we can have confidence that the life He promises us is in His hand forever (see John 10:28).

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

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*(To avoid disruptions in our worship service, please make sure all cell phones, tablets, and other electronic devices are turned off.)*

### Confession and Absolution

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## Announcements

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** \*Ruth & Brian Miller \*Susan Krim, \*Eric Krim  
\*Maria Pohlmann \*Trudy Marquardt \*Peter Haug \*Marlet Wardly \*Letilia  
Sterling \*Hans Schroedter \*Gabriel Civitillo \*Mariya \*Marlin \*Sam,  
\*Dawood \*Al & Indra Seemadray \*Junior Atkins \*Dhanraj Bharrat \*Sarab  
Adwer \*Kamini Paul\* Shirley Ewan \*Pamela & Nigel \*Frank \*Jamma  
Abdulahi \*Gisela McLuhan \*Pat Brewster \*Raj & Sarita \*Paul Alexander  
\*Aaron Beltran

If you or members of your family would like to be included in this list or if you feel that it's time to be removed from this list, please e-mail, phone or speak to Pastor. We encourage members and/or their families to call when sick or in need of pastoral care. The elders and Pastor are also dependent on the eyes and ears of the congregation to notice member absences.

## SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

### *The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd*

Although we "were straying like sheep," the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins "in his body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we "have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also "hear his voice" and "know his voice" (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in "the apostles' teaching and the fellowship" and in "the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

## CONFIRMATION OF CATECHUMENS

Today, we have four catechumens, Selam lijelam, Deanne and Mitchell Cadenhead, Luca Onisto; who have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. We thank our heavenly Father for His great goodness and favour in bringing these sons and daughter to the knowledge of His only beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ and enabling them both with heart to believe and with the mouth to confess Jesus as Lord. We welcome them in the name of the Lord in full communicant membership.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday April 26	10:00a.m.	Bible Study
<i>(Friendship Sunday)</i>	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:20 a.m.	Sunday School (after gospel reading)
	<i>Lunch downstairs following worship</i>	
Thursday April 30	2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.	Food Bank
Saturday May 2	9 a.m.- noon	Yard clean-up day
Sunday May 3	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:20 a.m.	Sunday School (after gospel reading)
	12:45 p.m.	Church Council

## UP COMING EVENTS

Thursday May 14	1:00 pm Ascension Day Service <i>(followed by Barbecue)</i>
Saturday May 23	9 a.m.- 1 p.m. OSLC Lawn Sale <i>(Start saving things you don't need but DON'T bring them to the church yet)</i>
Sunday June 7	Annual Church Congregational Picnic <i>(following 11 a.m. church service)</i>
Sunday June 21	1 p.m. Congregational Annual Meeting



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## Propers for EASTER 4

*The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd*

**READINGS:** Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 Psalm 23

### INTROIT

I am the good | shepherd. \*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD; \*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving; \*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God, \*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down; \*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God, \*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**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.**

I am the good | shepherd. \*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

### COLLECT

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GRADUAL

adapted from Matt 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead. \*

God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands; \*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

**VERSE Alleluia.** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **Alleluia.** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. **Alleluia.**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY.** We are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is on the lectern in the narthex. The Lord be with you in worship this morning! For nursing mothers and parents of young children, we have a child-friendly area located in the back of the church should the need arise. This area is equipped with a speaker, couch and a few toys so that parents may continue to see, hear and worship with us. **For safety and security reasons, we ask that parents remain with their children and not leave them unaccompanied in this area during the service.**

***HOLY COMMUNION:** God's Word teaches that in this Holy Supper our Lord Jesus Christ offers to us His true body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Those having been Baptized and Confirmed, possessing an active faith in Christ and His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins", receive His body and blood worthily. The Bible clearly teaches that one must examine oneself before partaking of this Sacrament. This means that we recognize and are sorry for our sins, trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives. Holy Communion is also an expression of our unity of faith as we have learned it in confirmation.*

*Those who hold to this teaching are welcome to partake with us. Those who have questions about this teaching are encouraged to speak with pastor or an elder. Those who have not completed Confirmation are encouraged to come to the altar rail, cross their arms, and receive a blessing.*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is held @ 11:30 a.m. after the Gospel reading. Parents desirous of bringing their children for Sunday School may speak to Jessica Joseph Sunday School Superintendent or Pastor.

**BIBLE STUDY** – on Sundays @ 10 a.m. The Fire Side Room is the place of meeting. We are studying the Gospel of St Matthew.

## **UPCOMING TORONTO CIRCUIT EVENTS:**

### **1. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown. OUTDOOR PEOPLE CONNECT ACTIVITY ; On Saturday May 9, 2026 @ St Andrews.**

A Call for help @ Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday May 9, 2026 for their Outdoor People Connect Activity . Please be at St. Andrews by 09:30 a.m.to welcome and encourage the volunteers from Kitchener -Waterloo Circuit and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St Catharines. People Connect activity will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Lunch for all at 12:00 Noon at St Andrews  
People Connect activity resumes at 2:00 PM and closes at 4:00 PM  
Service of Vespers at St Andrews at 4:30 PM to close the day  
**Note: Anyone wishing to work will be provided Mileage and an Honorarium.**

Registration by Thursday April 30, 2026. Register with Rev.Vijay Samuel [ilcgeorgetown1963@gmail.com](mailto:ilcgeorgetown1963@gmail.com)  
Children under 18 must be accompanied by Parents

### **2. Save the Date : Saturday May 30, 2026 DOXOLOGY SEMINAR** Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Mississauga Two Sessions ( Pandemic of Loneliness and Spiritual Self – Care ) Third Session for Pastors, Rostered Workers , Elders . Support for LGBTQ Families ( See the attached Image/Poster)

**3. LWML Spring Rally** is being held at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 4090 Dixie Road, Mississauga, On L4W 1M4 on Saturday May 2 @ 10 a.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. E-mail [tlwmlc@gmail.com](mailto:tlwmlc@gmail.com)

### **4. Trinity Lutheran Church, Toronto March for Life – May 23, 2026 – Details to follow**

## **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNUAL FUND-RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The event will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at Conestoga Golf Club in Conestoga, Ontario (north of Waterloo). The \$165 per person registration fee includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, full dinner, and

prizes. If you have any questions, visit <https://concordia-seminary.ca/golf/> or call 905-688-2362 ext. 21.



## OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY AT THE CHURCH

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026

Come Any time between 9 A.M and NOON

*(In case of rain, the date will be moved to May 9)*

The trustees need assistance with cleaning up the outdoors of the church property - picking up litter, leaves, etc. If you can spare an hour or two, we would appreciate your help. Bring gloves, and a rake if you have one. Garbage bags will be provided.

If you have questions, please contact Ingrid Chandra or Tony Griffin

## FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY - APRIL 26, 2026



Did you know that most new church members are there because an existing member invited them? Is there someone you know that doesn't attend church? (I'm sure there is.) How about inviting them on Friendship Sunday. Imagine the scene if everyone brought a friend! We have such good news to share - let's share it with a friend. Start thinking about who you might invite. And let's all pray that God will give us all the courage to actually invite someone.

We will be having a special coffee hour that day with sandwiches and cake.



## PRAYERS

### *Pray for our synodical family*

This week we pray for the following LCC congregations in Alberta: **Bethel** in Sherwood Park, and **King of Kings** in St. Albert.

### *Pray for LCC Missions*

#### APRIL 26, 2026 | CAMBODIA



This week, we pray for **Rev. Romass Svell** who serves as pastor for the Jarai community in Ratanakiri.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Svell, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

### *Pray for our seminaries*

Good Shepherd, You call Your own sheep by name and they follow You. We give You thanks for the supporters whom You have raised up to care for our seminaries. Grant that through their continued gifts and prayers, Your church may never lack pastors and deacons who know Your voice and faithfully serve Your flock. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

## THE TIME OF EASTER

**EASTER AND ITS SEASON begins with Evening Prayer on Holy Saturday and ends with Midday Prayer on Pentecost.**

Easter is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter) to the Day of Pentecost. This extended season – one seventh of the church year – is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Saviour.

The first celebration of Easter is the Easter Vigil, the evening of Holy Saturday. The Vigil includes a service of light, in which fire symbolizes Jesus as the light of the World. The service is designed to take the Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter.

The Easter Day service is the richest and most lavish celebrated festival of the Church Year.

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord; He ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ. Thus, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord.

**During Easter we rejoice in our salvation.**

**Matthew 28**

**Luke 24**

**John 12:24-25; 20:1-29; 21:1-14 Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4**

**PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS**

- The colours of the season of Easter are white and gold. White, the colour of Our Lord's holiness, is everywhere on Easter, from the paraments and vestments to the traditional Easter lilies. Gold decorations remind us that our resurrection life in Christ is precious and eternal.
- For the day of Pentecost, the colour changes to red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire on the heads of the apostles on the first Pentecost, and the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.
- After a long absence in Lent, Alleluia returns at Easter and is heard everywhere in the proper appointed for the weeks after

Easter. Also the joyous Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri are sung as part of the liturgy once again.

- During the Easter season we greet one another with a special Easter greeting and response: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

**Treasurer's Update as of March 31, 2026**

Here is a report on our congregation's operating finances up to the end of March 31, 2026 which is 25% of our fiscal year.

Approved expenditure budget for the whole year	<b>\$ 129,236</b>
Expenditures to end of March <i>(24.4% of budget)</i>	<b>\$ 31,539</b>
Approved budget income for the whole year	<b>\$119,810.00</b>
Budget income to end of March <i>(19.5% of budget)</i>	<b>\$23,411.10</b>
<b>Shortfall (expenditures minus income)</b>	<b>\$8,127.78</b>

Our expenditures are on target for this time of year, at 24.4% of the total budget. Our total income, however, is below target and our offering income is even further below target at only 17% of what was budgeted for offerings.

Thank you to all of you who continue to give of your financial gifts. Pray that God will continue to provide for the needs of our church.

Lois Griffin

Treasurer

**FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR April 16, 2026**

Total Food Hampers given out: 372

Those food hampers provided food to:

855 adults and 367 children for a total of 1222

**Our Food Bank** continues to be in need of volunteers for both general and some very specific duties. The duties may include picking up of bread, unloading food skids, food packaging, computer intake and recycling of cardboard and other materials. If you are able to help for a few hours on a Thursday of helping please speak to Al Seemadray (Food Bank Volunteers Coordinator), Ingrid Chandra or Pastor.