

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod

1308 Whitley Rd.  
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**Sunday School &  
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9:30am

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am, 10:45am

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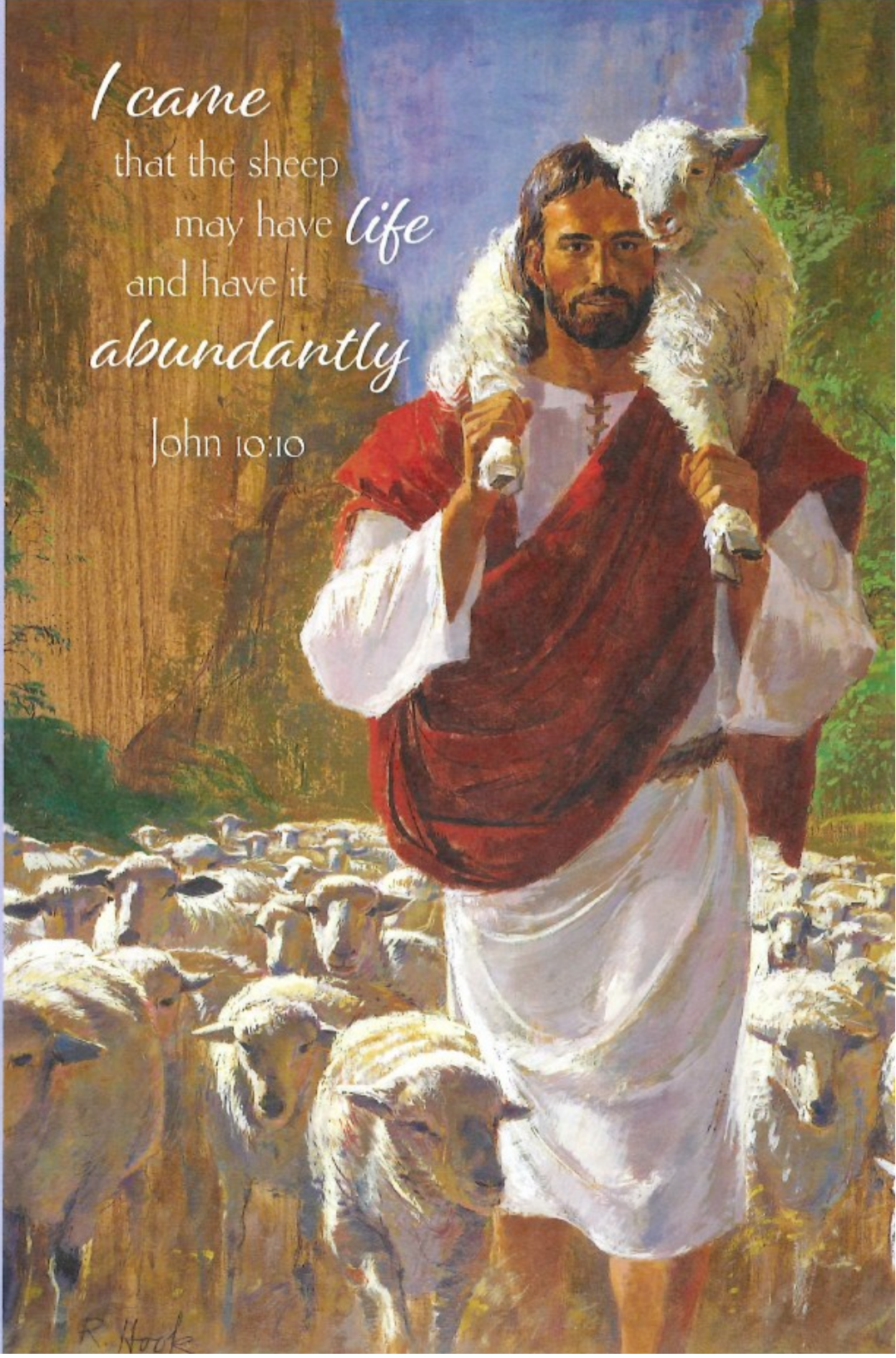
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*I came  
that the sheep  
may have life  
and have it  
abundantly*

John 10:10



## FOR OUR VISITORS....



**Welcome! We encourage you to follow along** with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

**We love children in our church!** But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our "**Virtual Guestbook**" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

***This bulletin is available in large print upon request.***

# Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

**Hymns:**  
666, 709, 480

**Hymns During Distribution:**  
740, 473

**Sermon Title:**  
*"I Shall Not Lack"*

**Scripture:**  
*John 10:1-10*

**Prelude**

"Premier Kyrie," from *Messe à l'usage des Couvents*, by Francois Couperin  
KOMMT HER ZU MIR ("O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe") - Johannes Pachelbel  
ST. COLUMBA ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is") - David Maxwell

**Postlude**

Little Prelude and Fugue in E minor - J. S. Bach,  
BWV 555

**[8:00AM] Opening Hymn: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe—Choir Only st. 3**

**Introit:** *The Venite*, LSB 220 (Psalm 95:1-7)

**Gradual:** *sung by the choir*, then by the congregation

**[8:00AM] Anthem:** *"Carol of the Lamb,"* by David von Kampen and Lisa Clark

**[8:00AM] Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is—Choir Only st. 3 & 5**

**[8:00AM] Anthem:** *"The Lamb,"* by Gerald Patric Coleman

## *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).



### Serving in God's House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Debbie Goedecke Debbie Lee Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Martin Littmann	Brian Cade
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
	<b>Acolytes:</b>	Sam Sifford	Liam Hinskey Silas Christiansen
<b>Counters:</b> Kenneth Pedersen Laurie Ward	<b>Crucifer/ Altar</b>	Cory O'Dell	Evan Munoz

*The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by David & Linda Beecroft to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son, Matt, and with thanksgiving for the birth of his grandchildren and their great-grandchildren, Margot & Jones, on April 8th.*

**Introit:** The *Venite*, LSB p.220 *Psalm 95:1-7*

**A** *I am the good | shepherd.\**  
*I know my own and my own know me, and I lay  
down my life | for the sheep.*

**C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our  
salvation.**  
**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of  
praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is out God,  
and we are the people of His pasture**

**and the sheep of His hand.**

**A** *Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your  
hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when  
your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my  
work.*  
*For forty years I loathed that generation and said,  
“They are a people who go astray in their heart, and  
they have not known my ways.”*  
*Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter  
my rest.”*

**C** **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.**

**A** *I am the good | shepherd.\**  
*I know my own and my own know me, and I  
lay down my life | for the sheep.*

### Collect of the Day

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.

**Gradual** *Sung by the Choir*, then the Congregation adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 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 under his feet.

### 2026 CONFIRMATION EXAM & BANQUET

This coming **Friday, May 1st**, will be the Exam and Banquet for our new Confirmands. While there is only sufficient room for the families at the banquet, we do invite all Messiah members to come to the exam service at 6:00pm, as a way to support and encourage these young people as they prepare to make the good confession of Christ.

In addition, the **Rite of Confirmation** will be held next **Sunday, May 3rd**, during the 10:45 am service.

### HAPPENING TODAY

#### YOUTH BREAKFAST

This morning, the Youth will be hosting breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:30am). Please join them and consider giving a freewill offering to help raise funds for their trip to the Higher Things Conference this summer.

#### VOTERS' MEETING

Today, immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting regarding our church's budget as it relates to our ministry priorities.

# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 04/26 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE; YOUTH BREAKFAST  
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE  
- 12:00PM - VOTERS' MEETING—FELLOWSHIP HALL

MONDAY 04/27 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING

TUESDAY 04/28 - 9:30AM - JOY BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 04/29

THURSDAY 04/30

FRIDAY 05/01 - 6:00PM - CONFIRMATION EXAM & BANQUET—SANCTUARY & FELLOWSHIP HALL

SATURDAY 05/02 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ HWY 377

## THE HOUSEHOLD AT PRAYER

Make prayer a daily habit for your family. Do as much of this as is helpful.  
Gather together in one place. Set aside all distractions as best as you are able.  
Before or after meal works well. The most important part is reading the Bible.

1. The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.  
In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
2. Sing or speak the hymn, introit, and/or psalm. Start with the first stanza.
3. Read aloud the appointed scripture for the day using the Daily Lectionary reading from LSB 299-304, or as found in the Treasury of Daily Prayer.
4. The Head of Household may give instruction/ ask questions on the scripture reading .  
Ask basic questions: "What is this?" and "what did it say?", Q & A for Youth.
5. Recite or quiz one another on the weekly verse and Catechism passage .
6. Confess Apostles' Creed together.
7. Pray the Lord's Prayer and Collect of the Day. Also pray for others (see prayer list in bulletin).  
Include prayers for family and friends, ourselves, upcoming events and plans.
8. Sing or say the following, then go joyfully to your work or to rest:  
Let us || bless the Lord.  
**Thanks | be to God.**

*Scripture: Matthew 11:28-29*

**[Jesus said,] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."**

*What is Baptism?*

**Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

*Which is that Word of God?*

**Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19**

## READINGS

**Mon:** Elisha and the Widow's Oil – 2 Kings 4:1-7

**Tue:** Elisha and the Shunammite Woman – 2 Kings 4:8-37

**Wed:** Israel Is Carried Away by the Assyrians – 2 Kings 17:5-18

**Thu:** Isaiah Is Called to Preach in Israel and Judah – Isaiah 6:1-9

**Fri:** Stephen Called to Serve & The Stoning of Stephen - Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a;51-60

**Sat.:** A Living Stone and a Holy People - 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Sun:** I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life – John 14:1-14

## HYMNS

**474 1, 4, 5** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

**602 1, 2** "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

**458 1, 2, 5** "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

# Please keep in your prayers...

**Jackie Bourassa's grandson's friend and his family**, friend of the **Currie Family**, who lost his mother in a housefire.

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Karen Bentle, Mandy Demick, John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

**...also those with other illnesses and trials:** Don Knutson, Terry Swender, Michael Hanson, Aaron Koppelberger, Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

**...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly:** Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

**...all of our college students in and out of state:** Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

**We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military:** Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

## **We also pray for...**

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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**MLCA is hiring teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.** For more information, you may call the school office at 817.431.5486, or you may send your resume to [schooloffice@mlcatexas.org](mailto:schooloffice@mlcatexas.org).



**MESSIAH VOLLEYBALL**—If you are interested in playing volleyball on Sunday afternoons, please text **Jinel Munoz at 214-514-5871**. You'll then be included on a group text for determining time, turnout, and weather pending factors.



**A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 26 (Easter 4):** The first generation of Christians were “selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). They did this because they recognized that the Gospel of Jesus grants worth and dignity to every person. This doesn't mean that each Christian needs to sell all they have. But it does mean that we would “die to sin and live to righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24), loving the poor and needy as well as the unborn, the sick, and the dying.



**1 Peter 2:21 - “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.”** Our heavenly

Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”



**WEEKLY BACH CANTATAS.... Lutheran Public Radio** streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Central on Sundays. This week's cantata will be BWV 103, “You Will Weep and Wail.” You can listen at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and with the LPR mobile app.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 90 10:45am: 124 Total: 214**  
 Sunday School: 87— **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 16,207.67**(includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00**

**You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.**



### 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).

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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

<sup>1</sup>[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."