

## Prayer of the Day

**God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us to rescue the lost, to heal the injured and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

### **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>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup>For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were

going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

<sup>10</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go 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.

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

**Today: April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:15-Adult SS/Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Worship

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Tuesday: April 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30-Prayer Group

9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC

**Wednesday: April 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-Confirmation

**Saturday: May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00-Mens Group

**Sunday: May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:15-Adult SS/Youth SS

9:30-Coffee Fellowship

10:30-Worship w/Communion

6:00-Bethany Prayer Group

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Rita Schmidt, Roger Shulz, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardec, Shannon Hersom, Pat Boughey, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries

**Lectors:**

**Ushers:** April 26-Tom & Rhonda Shewell  
May 3-Dean & Eloise Armstrong

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

**Weekly Budget Needs: \$**

**Faith Promise \$** Worship

Sunday School \$ SS Adult SS

**Birthdays:** May 1- Franz Ekstam; 2-Linda Bieri

**Anniversary:** April 30-Lars & Liz Hersom

**\*\*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.**

*An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand (as able)*

### **ORDER OF THE SERVICE**

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56

\*HYMN *The Lord is My Shepherd* **LBW 451**

\*GREETING P.57

\*KYRIE P.57

\*HYMN OF PRAISE P.59

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

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

Psalm: **Psalm 23** *(bulletin – responsively)*

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

\*ALLELUIA VERSE P.62

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: **John 10:1-10**

\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**

HYMN *The King of Love My Shepard is* **LBW 456**

APOSTLES' CREED P.65

OFFERING P.75

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

**Response: Hear our prayer.**

\**THE LORD'S PRAYER* **CH 631**

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN *Savior Like a Shepard Lead Us* **CH 688**

\*DISMISSAL

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**WORSHIP, LOVE, ACCEPT  
TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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