

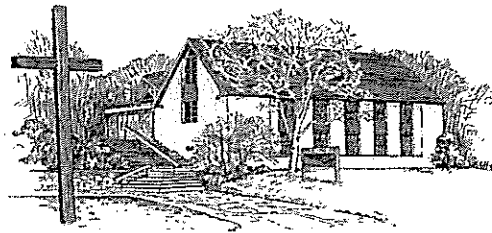
APRIL 25, 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



FOURTH SUNDAY
of EASTER

EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK



Our Mission Statement

To Worship, Live, Love, Learn and Teach the Word of God in Christ

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LITURGICAL ART NOTES

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often known as **“Good Shepherd Sunday”** since the gospel readings refer to Jesus’ role as shepherd of his flock. Through Christ’s Resurrection we are given the way to a life of abundance and the blessings of our baptism. Jesus cared for his sheep by feeding them, healing them and reconciling them to themselves, their families and their communities and by his death on the cross he gave his life for his sheep. Through his Resurrection we are enabled to extend his care to all creation.

Lynne Beard

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25, 2021 10:00 am

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

*Please stand indicates

PRELUDE Have No Fear, Little Flock **ELW 764**

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray...O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life **Thanks be to God**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*** GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the

sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY The King Of Love My Shepherd Is **ELW 502**

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

***PREFACE** - *spoken quietly (wearing your mask)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** - *spoken quietly (wearing your mask)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.... Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us **ELW 789**

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Your Offerings may be left in the collection plate in the rear of the Sanctuary
Please share your offerings of thanksgiving, as you are able, for the ongoing ministries of Emanuel Lutheran Church, especially as we continue on in faith, hope, and love through this world wide health crisis. Please mail your offerings to: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd, Pleasantville, NY 10570 or arrange for regular (no fee) electronic check or Zelle contributions through your bank checking account.

WORSHIP LEADERS

April 25 4th Sunday of Easter 10:00 am (reservation required by 4/22)

Leading the Liturgy: Pastor: Pastor Kevin O'Hara

Reader: George Johnson

Usher:

Assisting Minister: Nancy Schoener

Health Minister: Sally Peake

May 2nd 5th Sunday of Easter 10:00 am (reservation required by 4/29)

Leading the Liturgy: Pastor: Pastor Kevin O'Hara

Reader: Rebekkah Bello

Usher:

Assisting Minister: Bill Bello

Health Minister: Nancy Schoener

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We will plan to meet for 3 weeks - **April 29, May 6 and May 13 from 4:00 - 4:50pm in the Fellowship Hall.** First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Pentecost - May 23 at 10am.** We anticipate that there may still be capacity restrictions in place at that time, but rest assured, First Communicants' families will have priority for sign ups that day. The sooner you can let the church office know of your anticipated number of guests, the better we can plan for logistics.

BIBLE STUDY will be resume on Wednesdays. We will be learning about Esther and Jonah. Zoom meetings will be at 2pm and 7:30 pm, join whenever you can. You can Invite your friends and join any time!

APRIL 10TH PROPERTIES CLEAN-UP DAY

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Clean-up Day. We had ten people at the Church plus the youth group at the parsonage. Hedges and bushes were trimmed, many bags of leaves were raked, and the accumulated junk by the education wing exit doors removed. Thanks to Doug Esposito for providing his trailer. The properties had a fresh look as we begin reopening.

EARTH DAY PLANTING On Sunday, April 18th Sunday School families were invited to help plant flowers and seeds around the church property.



PROCEDURES FOR WORSHIP DURING COVID PANDEMIC EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beginning Sunday April 11th at 10 am

We are limited to 50 participants. Please call/email the Office *before* Thursday to register.

Please arrive between 9:30 - 9:45 am so we can begin promptly at 10:00 am with our YouTube Congregation

BEFORE THE SERVICE

- Only entrance will be the main doors into the narthex from 9:30 am until 10:10 am.
- Your temperature will taken as you enter. Contact info for non-members will be recorded.
- Masks must be worn in the church at all times. *Extra masks are available.*
Worship leaders may remove mask when speaking.
- An usher will lead everyone into the church and your pew. Seating is limited.
- Social distancing tape lines will be on the floor.
- Ceiling fans will not be used. Some windows and doors will remain open.
- Elevators may be used: ONE person or ONE family at a time.

The service will start at 10:00 am. It will be live-streamed, 30-35 minutes (not including seating time or exiting time).

- There will be no congregational singing. We ask that your read the words and listen to the recorded singing.
- Communion will be served
- Ushers will invite family units to leave the service from the back pews.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE • No food, drink, or fellowship time.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

FOR HEALING

FAMILY & FRIENDS

(members are marked in bold)

Dennis Adorno (GF) Bill Amann (TC)

Steve Andersen (BM) Anne (SP)

Craig (CC) Elise Delany (MT)

Rosa Diem Ricard Esposito

Fran Figliola

.Terry Gabrielli (Vitetta) Eugene Garnes (CO)

Mae Goodwin (WP) **Abi Gray**

Donna, Walter & Margaret Hoft

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Carole Ortiz Linda Osborn (GJ)

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Kevin S. **Bill Schmitz** Lois Scorgie (KS)

The Saukin family (JH) Cheri Sgrulletta (GF)

Richard Snowberg Michael Stufano (AH)

Amy Mittlestatt Troudt (GY) .Eric Wiebke

THE CHURCH Our Bishops: Elizabeth Eaton and Paul Egensteiner Our Congregation at Emanuel Koinonia

Richard (Dick) Esposito is doing well and is recovering from Heart bypass surgery

Notes can be sent to

Esposito 3498 Lantern Bay Jupiter Florida 33477

COMFORT

For friends and family of past member Don Olmstead who passed away this week.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Monday Psalm 95 1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday Psalm 95 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday Psalm 95 Micah 7:8-20 Mark 14:26-31

Thursday Psalm 22:25-3 Amos 8:1-7 Acts 8:1b-8

Friday Psalm 22:25-31 Amos 8:11-13 Acts 8:9-25

Saturday Psalm 22:25-31 Amos 9:7-15 Mark 4:30-32

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Eric Albrecht, Army Sean Crooks, Army (*Falco*)

Major Brian Moeller, USMC Ryan Heitmann, Army

(*Hoft*) Ali McFadden McKay USMC

Jarrold McKay USMC

Major Anthony Stephens, *Chaplain, Nat'l Guard*

Peter Struss Morgan Tilley, Navy (*Esposito*)

ENGAGEMENTS

Kevin Beard & Kinga Staromiejska

Adam Bello & Kristina Wenner

Todd Bello & Nicole Colton

Morgan Sackman & Matt Warncke

Karen Snowberg & Ron Nelson

Vicky Lee Struss & Craig Kehrlé

Ryan Wilson & Molly Kinder

EXPECTING

Marissa (Abdoo) Buono & husband June 21

Suzanne and Ryan Cantatore 5/21

Krystal & Jeff Meier twins! 5/21 (CC)

Meghan (Horgan) & Jon Pierroz 5/23

CONGRATULATIONS

Philip & Nicky Dalton announce the birth of daughter Eva Thea born on April 9th.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

26 Linda Collins

28 Beate Noack

29 Connor Byrne

30 Ted Anderson, Charles Kiel

MAY

1 Sara Baio, Stephanie Bartzick

2 Michelle Reuter

ANNIVERSARIES

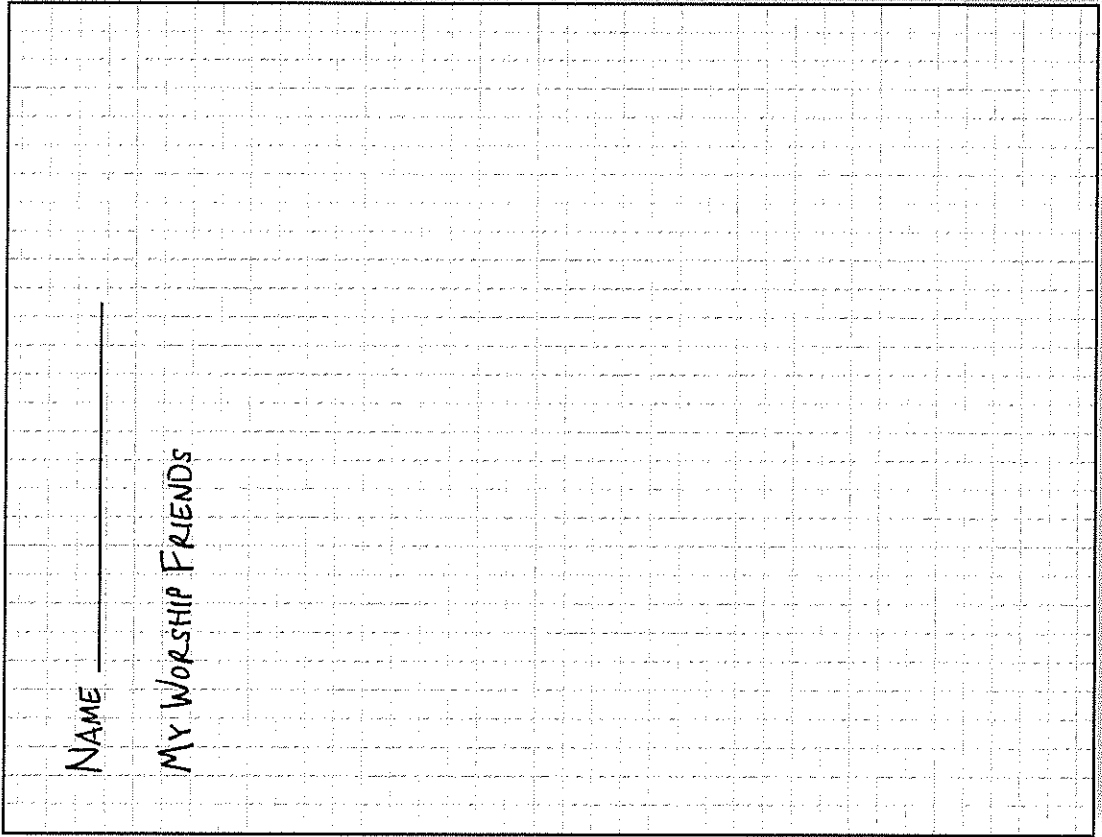
Kristin & Nate Wuerffel 4/26/1997

Jesus knows the name of everyone in worship with you today! Draw your worship space in the space below. Where are you in the church? Who is sitting near you?

As you leave worship today, learn the names of those sitting close to you.

NAME _____

MY WORSHIP FRIENDS

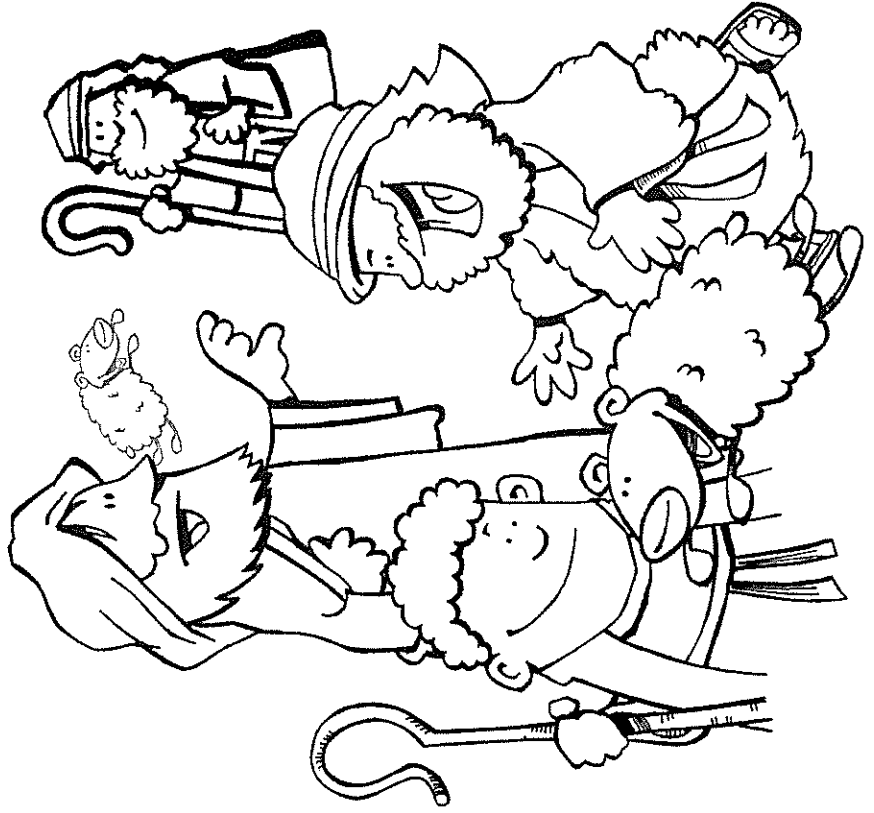


PRE-READER

Easter 4

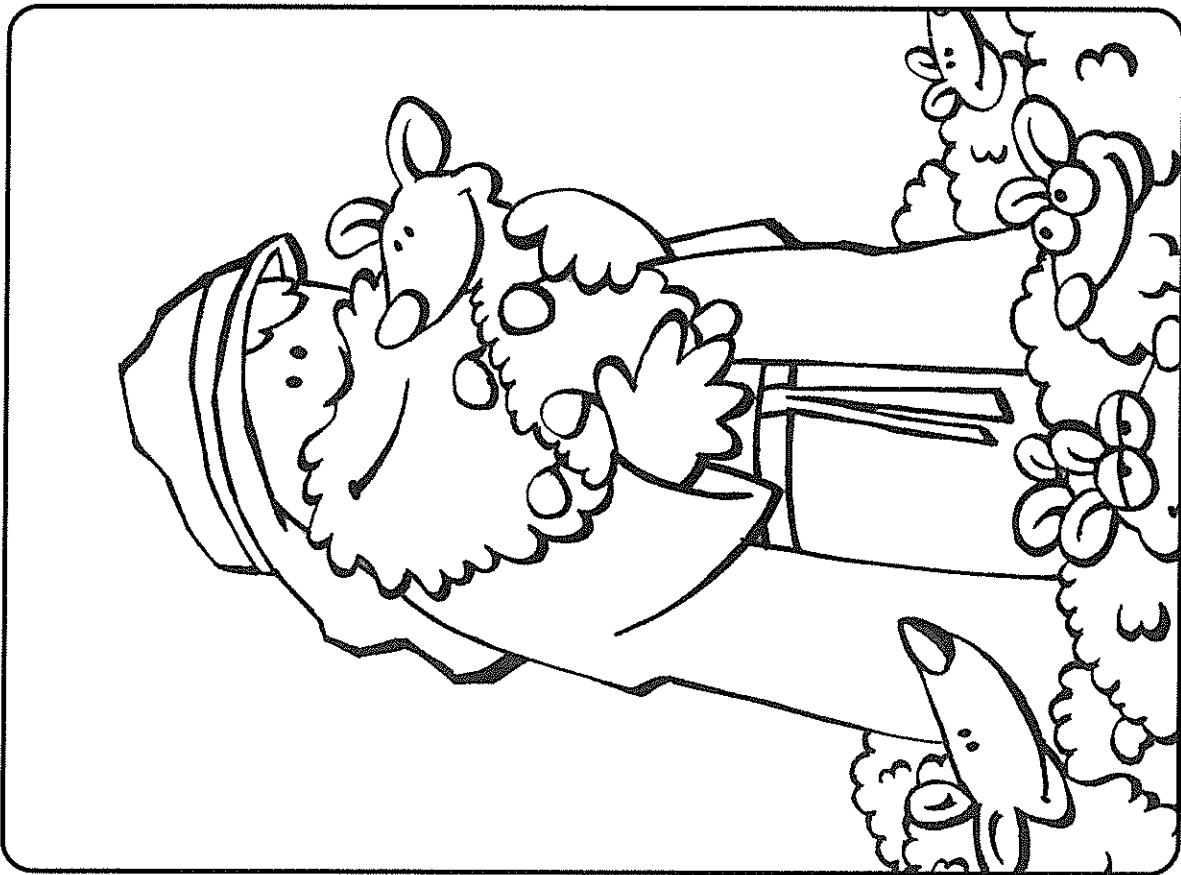
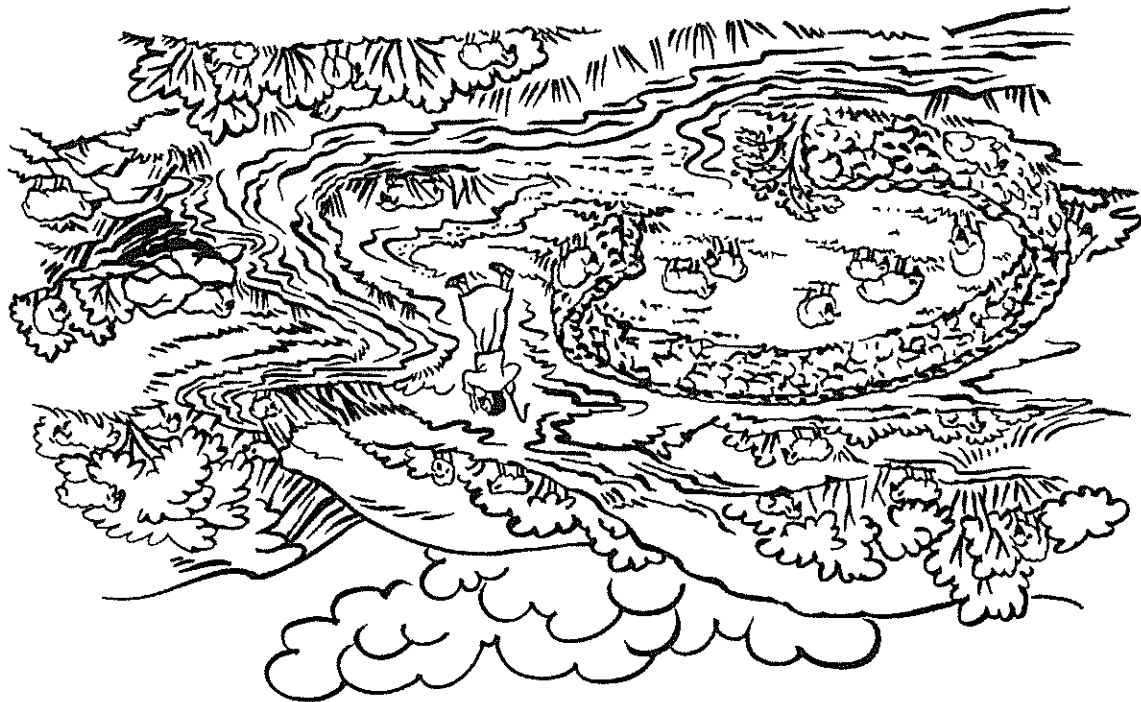
- Today is the **4th Sunday** in Easter.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, Easter occurs during the **spring**.
- Spring is a season of **new life**.

Baa! Baa! So many shepherds in this picture! Can you find the Good Shepherd? Circle him.



Jesus knows our names, cares for us, and looks for us when we're lost. Jesus is always with us.

Search the hidden valley for 23 hidden sheep. Circle them! What do you think their names might be?



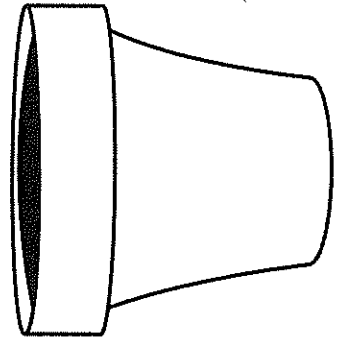
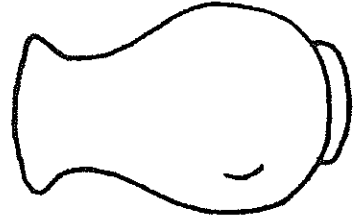
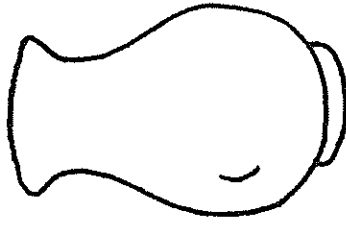
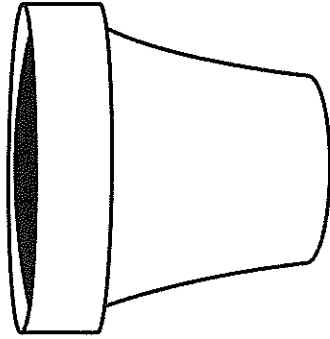
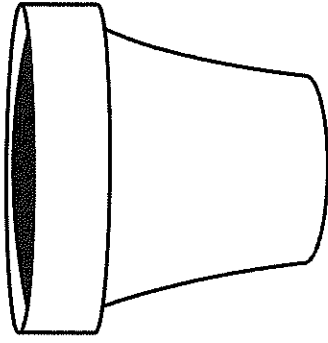
“Just like a good shepherd cares for each and every sheep in the flock, I care for each and every one of you.”

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Easter Florals

The Easter season brings spring, which means blooming flowers. Flowers brighten up any room or worship space. What kinds of flowers do you see in your worship space today? Draw them in the vases below.

What kinds of flowers do you see growing outside? Draw these flowers in the flower pots below.



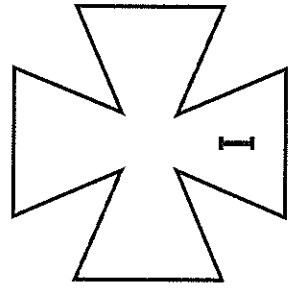
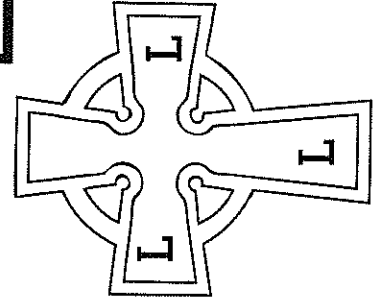
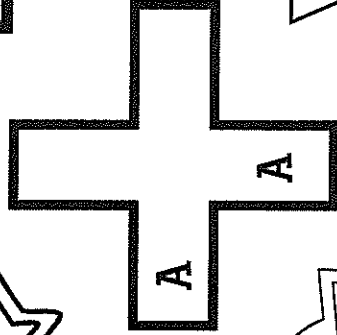
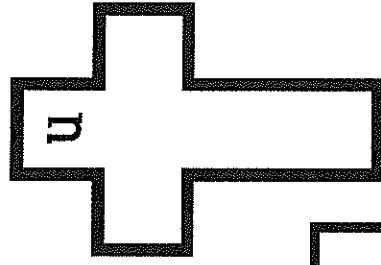
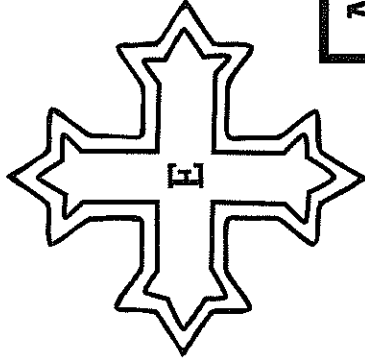
READER

Easter 4

- Today is the 4th Sunday in Easter.
- An important word during Easter is *Alleluia*.
- Alleluia means Praise God!

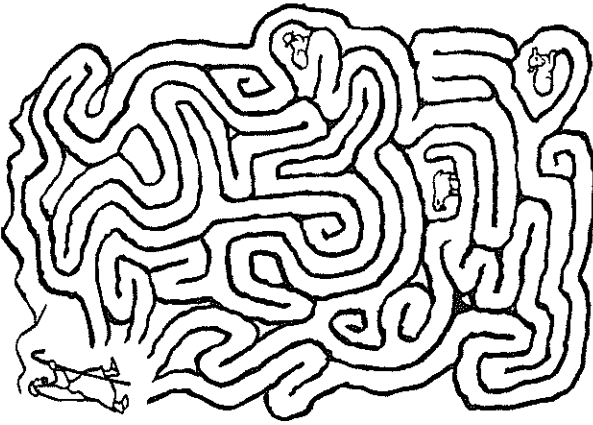
Coded Crosses

Crosses can come in many shapes and sizes. Which type do you see in your worship space? Color this one blue. Color in the rest of the crosses with different colors. Then, collect the letters on each cross to show an Easter word.



The Good Shepherd

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus promises to stay with us always, even when we feel lost! Help the shepherd find his three lost sheep.



The book of Psalms in the Bible is a collection of songs. Psalm 23 is about Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Look up Psalm 23 and use it to complete the passage below.

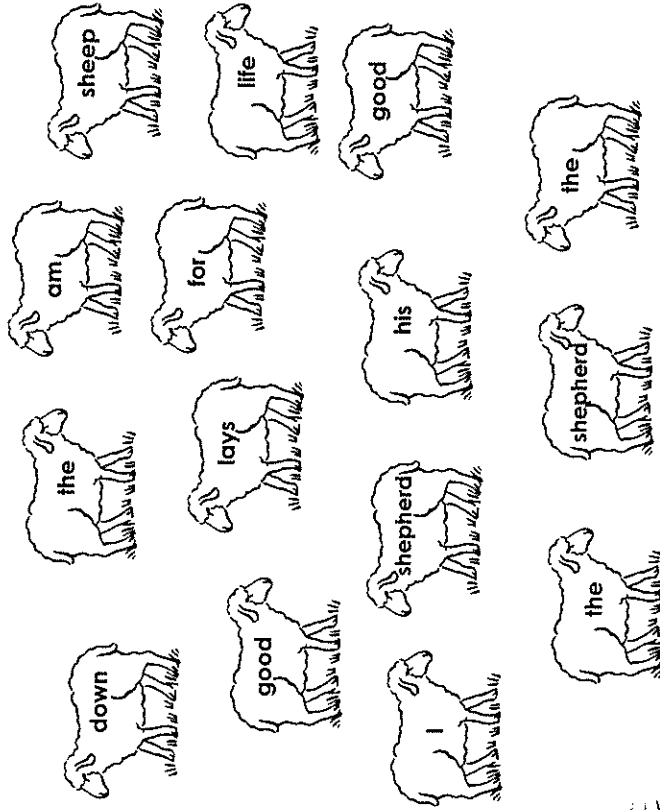
"The _____ is my _____, I shall not _____
 He makes me lie down in _____;
 He _____ me beside still _____;
 He _____ my _____;
 He leads me in _____ paths for _____ name's sake.
 _____ though I walk through the _____ valley,
 I _____ no _____;
 For _____ are _____ me;
 Your rod and your _____
 They _____ me." —Psalm 23:1-4

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EASTER 4

Help the shepherd put his flock back in order. Each sheep has a word of this week's memory verse, but the flock has moved around! Put the words from each sheep in the right order to discover the memory verse. Write each word in the blanks below.

_____ " —John 10:11.



Shepherding is one of the world's oldest occupations—over 6,000 years old! Shepherds spent every hour of their day watching, tending, protecting, and grooming their sheep. In Bible times, shepherds did not always have their own homes because they traveled around with their sheep.

Did You Know?