

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.*

SERMON

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Softly and Tenderly" Douglas Wagner

\* THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

\* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\* HYMN "Lord, You Are My Shepherd" (insert)

\* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Douglas Wagner

\*Please stand as you are able

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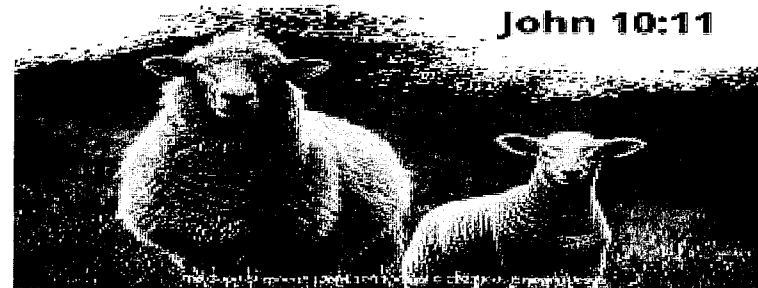
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Rev. David A. Jones, Pastor

I am the **good**  
***SHEPHERD.***  
The **good** shepherd  
lays down his **life**  
for the ***SHEEP.***

John 10:11



**April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Reader:** Sam Brandt

**God is Still Speaking ...**

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."*  
- Mother Theresa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Mary McDonald

\* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God is welcoming you to this place.

**People: Come, all you who are weary, and find rest here.**

Pastor: God is calling you by name.

**People: Come, all who are lost, for God is searching for you.**

Pastor: God knows your hearts.

**People: Come, all who are heartbroken and hurt, for God loves you.**

Pastor: God is welcoming you to this place.

**People: Let us join our hearts in worship, for Christ welcomes us all in this time and place.**

\* HYMN #21 (Green Hymnal) "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gentle Shepherd, we have been beaten up and broken by the world. We have been rejected and forgotten. We have been pushed down and moved to the margins. Bring us in. Bind up our wounds. Lift us up. May we know your love and embrace. Forgive us when we have been the ones causing the hurt and pain for others, when we have forgotten and rejected our neighbors, when we have been the ones to marginalize and oppress. May your love, justice, and peace prevail.**

*Silent confession...*

\* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

\* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

Know that God loves you deeply, and God will search the ends of the earth and the farthest limits of the sea, to find you. God knows you are not perfect, but God's love is perfect. Through the power of God's love, you are forgiven and restored. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "While on the Sea" Larry Sue  
Bell Choir Pianist – Kathy Follett

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

New Testament Acts 4: 5 - 12

\*Gospel John 10: 11 - 18

\* THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

\* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

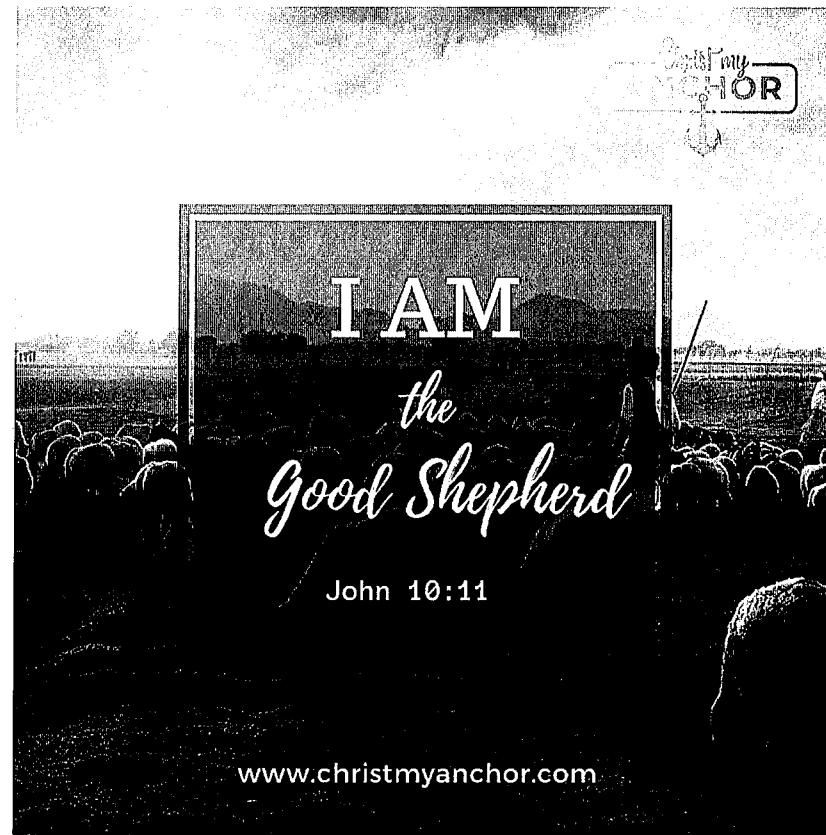
## **Acts 4: 5 – 12**

The next day their 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; and he 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."

## **John 10: 11 – 18**

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."



## Lord, You Are My Shepherd

Sung to the tune of "To God Be the Glory"

Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2012

Lord, you are my shepherd and so I am blessed;  
You make me lie down in green pastures to rest.  
You lead me beside the still waters, O Lord;  
In you I find peace and my soul is restored.

### *Refrain:*

In this world, there is much  
that can tempt me away,  
Yet in you, I'm content,  
as you guide me each day.  
O Lord, I don't need to feel lost or alone;  
For you are my Shepherd and I am your own.

You lead me to do what is just, in your name;  
You guide me thru valleys of death and deep pain.  
I'll fear nothing evil with you by my side;  
Your rod and your staff Lord, will comfort and guide.

### *Refrain*

You set me a table right here by my foes;  
You bless me with joy till my cup overflows.  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me through;  
I'll live in your presence, forever with you.

### *Refrain*

# Scripture Readings

and

# Closing Hymn

April 21, 2024

## **ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST**

Andy Shearer  
Deb Weise  
Ken and Charlotte Wengert  
Lynn Balmer  
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)  
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)  
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)  
Heather Whorley  
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)  
Jeffrey Clouser  
Trudy Berkheimer  
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)  
Ed Olden  
Shirley Shaak  
Marie DiFava  
John Schieber  
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)  
Cindy Johnson  
Eva Miller  
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)  
Linda Brandt  
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)  
Members from our church family who are shut-in or  
home bound  
The People of Ukraine  
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

## **ST. MARK'S CALENDAR** **For the Week of April 21, 2024**

Sunday Choir Practice – 8:30 AM  
Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM  
Worship Service – 10:00  
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM  
Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting – 11:15 AM  
(Fellowship Hall)

Monday Christian Ed Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM  
(Deb Follett's Home)

Tuesday Property Meeting – 2 PM  
Women's Study Group – 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM  
Membership Meeting – 11:30 AM

Friday Nominating Committee Meeting – 2 PM



## **ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Judy Blouch and family in memory of Raymond Blouch.

The bulletins are presented by Judy Blouch and family in memory of Raymond Blouch.

**Flowers and Bulletins** – Dates available for flowers are: June 2, 9, 23 and 30. Dates available for bulletins are: April 28 and May 5 and 19. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

**Shoe Collection for Halcyon** – we are collecting wearable shoes, childrens, mens and ladies. Halcyon earns money for collecting them. The shoes are sent all over the world. Please help by spreading the word and getting everyone to donate shoes you don't wear or need. Thanks, Bish Wolf.

**Kid's Painting Party** – Deb Ryland will lead the children in a painting project on a small canvas on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM. There is no cost but please sign up in the narthex. Provide an old shirt that can be worn over clothing. Last day to sign up – April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Hoss's Day** – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM to 8 PM. Pick up coupons in narthex.

**Mulching** – We will be mulching around the church and north parking lot, Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM. Rain date will be Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Please sign up on sheet in the narthex.

**May 19, 2024** – Pentecost and Confirmation Service – Christian Ed Committee will be hosting a luncheon after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. This luncheon will be catered by Angelo's.

**Graduates** – Any members who have children or grandchildren that are graduating from High School or College, please give their information to the office.

### **Address Changes for Members:**

Temporary – Shirley Shaak – 401 King Rail Court,  
Middletown, DE 19709  
Heather Whorley – 8231 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
Phone – 717-525-2305

### **Save the Dates:**

April 28 Hoss's Day  
May 5 Kid's Painting Party  
May 19 Confirmation Service and Luncheon  
May 31-June 2 – Youth Spring Retreat  
June 2 Worship and Communion Service – 10 AM  
June 22 Women's Painting Party – 9 AM – 12 PM  
(Includes Breakfast)

### Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284  
Press\* when asked for your attendee pin

