

# Pastor's Bible Class

April 26, 2026

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### #710 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

### Read Acts 2:42-47

1. What events lead up to the picture of the early church in this reading?
2. In the Augsburg Confession, the Church is described in the following way: "The church is the assembly of saints in which the Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly."<sup>1</sup> Consider the four pillars of the early church as described in our reading from Acts 2. How do these fundamental elements still serve as marks of the Church?

<sup>1</sup> Tappert, T. G. (1959). *The Augsburg Confession: Translated from the Latin* (p. 32). Philadelphia: Fortress Press.

3. What other important activities or values define the character of the early church in this reading?

4. How do these activities and values still serve to add to the church those who are being saved?

### **Read John 10:1-10**

5. To whom is Jesus speaking in John 10? Scan John 9:1-34 and read John 9:35-41.

6. How do they receive His words? See John 10:6.

7. Martin Luther wrote, "In this single little word *shepherd*, there are gathered together in one almost all the good and comforting things that we praise in God" (AE 12:152). What qualities or ideas do we associate with the word *shepherd*?

8. Beginning in verse 11, Jesus uses the *Good Shepherd* metaphor to describe the relationship between the Shepherd and the sheep. What does He say about this relationship?

9. How do the following verses explain this relationship more fully?

- John 14:20
- John 15:10
- John 17:8 and 21
- Matthew 11:27
- Luke 22:29

10. Who is included in the Good Shepherd's flock? See verse 3.

11. Read Hebrews 10:1-14. How does this section of Hebrews relate to John 10?

### **Devotional Thought from "The Lutheran Study Bible"**

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd to describe His intimate relationship with His followers and the love that moved Him to lay down His life for them. Sheep who ignore the Good Shepherd's voice (His Word) have only themselves to blame and will fall prey to Satan. Unlike human love motivated by self-interest, Christ's love for His own moved Him to voluntarily endure even death on a cross for our sake (TLSB, 1802).

### **Closing Prayer**

My dear Shepherd, watch over me that I may never stray from You. Amen.