

Assumption Catholic Church

April 30, 2023

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John’s Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus’ teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today’s reading falls between the stories of Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year’s season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John’s Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus’ ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be “robbers and thieves” because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus’ disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today’s Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus’ words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus’ allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

Question of the Week *How can I be that gate, in imitation of Jesus? How do I protect others from danger or trauma and how do I comfort those who are lost or in pain?*

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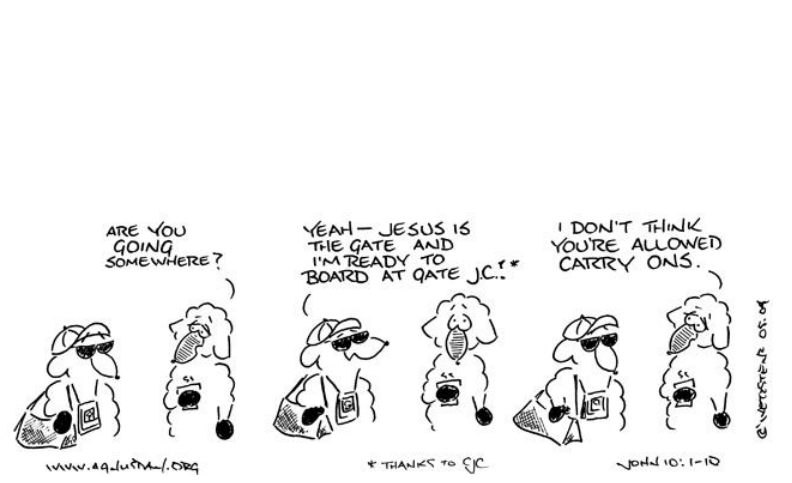
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Mass Times
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday @ 6:15 pm
Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:
Tuesdays: 5:00-7:00 pm



Announcements

Today Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will be serving a fish dinner at 11:30 am.

Our next Church cleaning will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 11 am, followed by a potluck lunch.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen.

Crystal Bunnell, Theresa (Foltz) Thunder, Irene Hazelton, Stella Thielen, Lillian Welle, Cleo Baker, George Scherzer, Dolores Manning, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Kevin Clark, Dolores Manning, Karen Klarer, Darlene Johnson Maneval

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’”
Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Sunday, April 23, 2023--\$968.44

Upcoming

Sun., May 7: **Baccalaureate Mass, followed by lunch (everyone is invited)'**
Wed., May 17: **Church cleaning at 11 am**

Mass Intentions

Today’s Mass: **+Michael John Steffl**
Tues., May 2: **+Mark Stalberger**
Sun., May 7: **For the People of Assumption and Sacred Heart Parishes**

Ministry Schedule for May 7, 2023

Altar Servers
Nathan Loreth
Eucharistic Minister
Roger Foltz & Virginia McDougall
Lector
Christina Loreth
Presentation of the Gifts
Rick McDougall Family
Ushers
Gary Helm & Ken Pearson