

**Readings and Prayers for Sunday May 3, 2020**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday**  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**Readings and Psalm**

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

**Questions to ponder:** In Today's reading Jesus said that the sheep know the voice of good shepherd. Have you heard the voice of God? Was it one voice or various voices? How did it sound? Write them down and share.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)*

**Prayer**

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house. We pray for college students and those who are preparing for finals. Give them strength and your peace in this stressful time. Bless the mask makers for their sharing your love to others. We give thanks for ministries of LSSI and continue to bless them and their work of healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities. We lift our concerns and joys to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Hymns**

-Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (ELW# 789)

-The Lord's My Shepherd (ELW# 778)

*May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, guard us from danger and guide us to abundant life in God today and every day. Amen.*

**Prayer concerns:** Farmers, shepherd, those who take care of animals, and those who share ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

