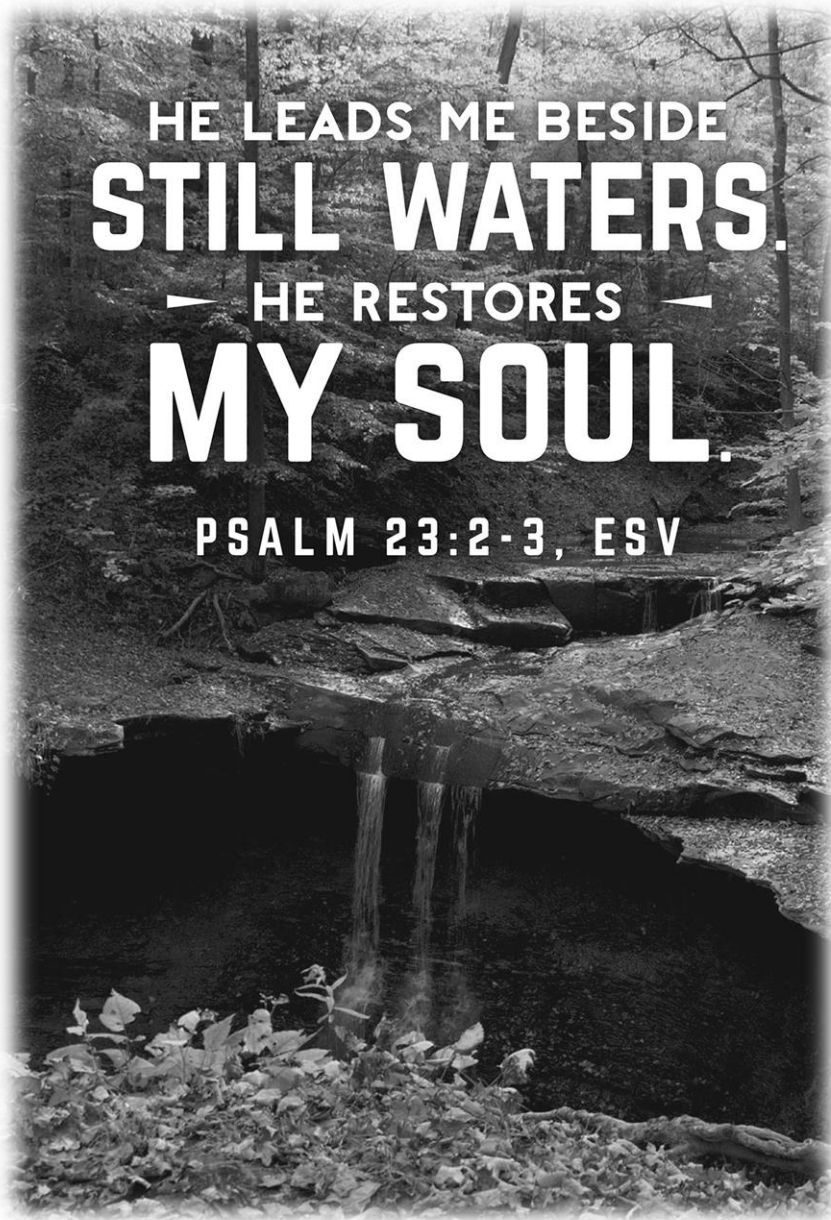


St. James Lutheran Church

Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ, to experience God's love, and to do God's work in the world around us.



Season of Easter
Welcome to our Service

Please rise or remain seated as you are able. Congregation responds with indented bold printed parts. Where you see † you may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked on our forehead at baptism.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We have been given the promise of forgiveness through Jesus' selfless act on the cross. In the light of that promise, let us take time for silent reflection on the ways we do not live in the light of God's love.

Time for silent reflection

Almighty God,

we are in need of your forgiveness. You have asked us to love you with our whole heart, soul and mind. Yet, we find that there are times we love our pleasures and possessions more than you.

You have asked us to love others as you have loved us. Yet, we find that we withhold our love from others, even though we expect you to not withhold yours.

Because we have not loved as you have called us to love, we have sinned against you, and our brothers and sisters. We humbly ask for your forgiveness.

God shows abundant love and mercy for us. Through the power of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, God washes us clean of our sin. We are forgiven.

Amen

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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PRAYER OF 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.

SCRIPTURE

THE FIRST READING IS WRITTEN IN THE 4TH CHAPTER OF ACTS.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

WE WILL READ PSALM 23 RESPONSIVELY.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE SECOND READING IS WRITTEN IN THE 3RD CHAPTER OF 1 JOHN.

We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE 10TH CHAPTER OF JOHN.

Glory to you, O Lord.

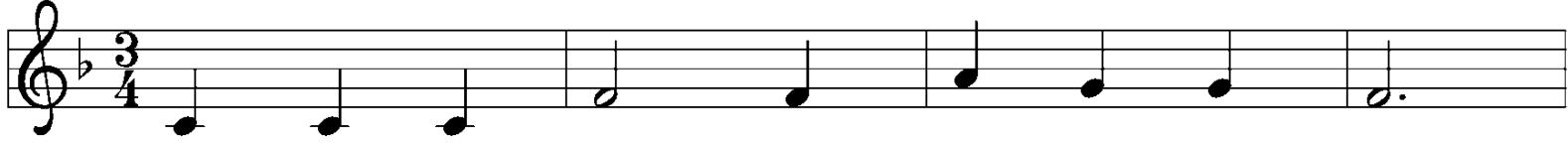
Jesus said "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand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

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

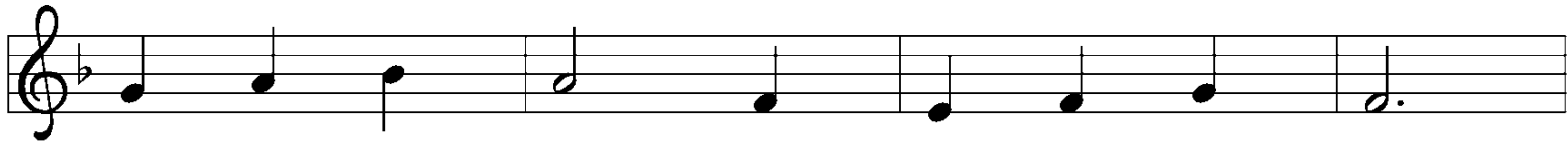
Please be seated.

SERMON – Michael Hozik

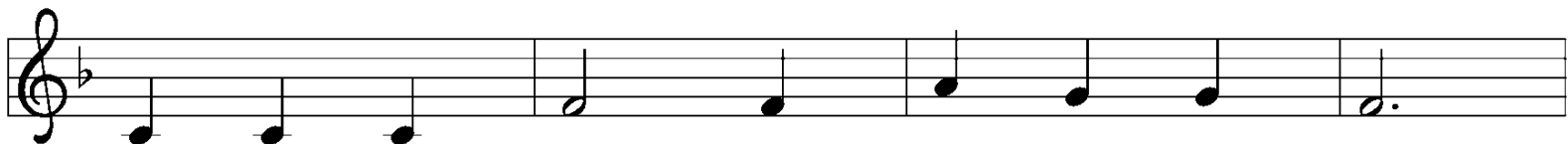
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



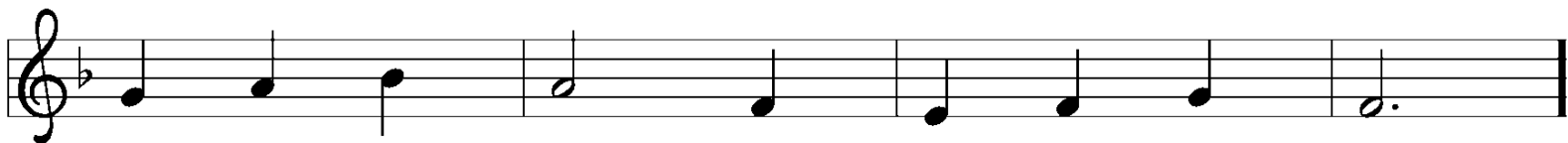
M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.
 He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.
 Even the battle with sin is won.”
Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

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Please rise or remain seated as able.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

*At end of each prayer when the pastor says: God of grace,
the response is: **Hear our prayer.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Risen Lord holds out his hands and said "Peace Be With You."

May that same peace be with you all.

And also with you.

*You may share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable and with
the words: "The Peace of Christ be with you."*

OFFERING

*Please be seated as the communion table is prepared. Please remember to place
your offering in the tray as you leave. Your gifts of thankfulness to God help us to
share the Good News of God's love.*

OFFERTORY - GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the holy one

Give thanks because we're given

Jesus Christ, God's son (repeat)

And now let the weak say “I am strong”

Let the poor say “I am rich

Because of what the lord

Has done for us” (repeat)

Give thanks (repeat 3x)

Please rise or remain seated as able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in a manner as our Lord taught us:

**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.**

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

Amen.

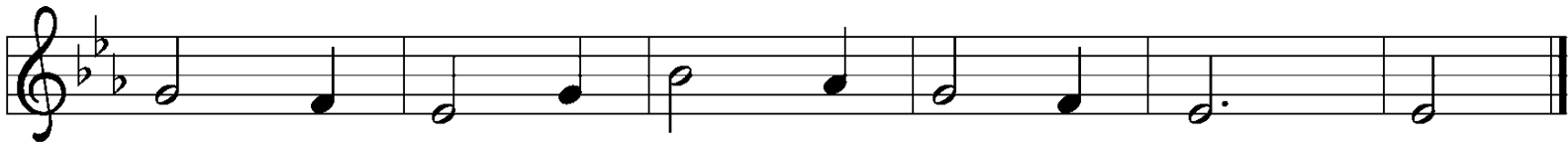
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**For the NJ Synod, for Bishop Bartholomew and staff,
and the ELCA, for Bishop Eaton and staff,
and all our ministries.**

The Prayer List is available in the Narthex - – You may submit names after receiving the person’s permission for their name to be shared publicly. Each month, the list is created anew, and you may resubmit name(s). Please share your name so we may follow up on the progress of your loved one.

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN MEMORY
OF LUCY D'AMBROSIA AND BETTY ROWE
BY CHARLES, DIANE & ELIZABETH EBY**



We would like to thank Michael Hozik,
Who will be leading us in worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

***DINE OUT RSVP'S DUE**

***ALL PENTECOST FLOWER ORDERS MUST
BE IN TODAY!**

MON. APRIL 22	7:30 PM	COUNCIL MEETING
TUE. APRIL 23	7:00 PM	OUTREACH MEETING
WED. APRIL 24	1:00 PM	GOD'S STITCHERS
	7:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP
THUR. APRIL 25	7:00 PM	BOOK STUDY
FRI. APRIL 26	7:00 PM	SJ FAMILY & FRIENDS FUN NIGHT
SAT. APRIL 27	5:30 PM	DINE OUT @ BRADDOCK'S TAVERN CARPOOL MEET AT 4:45
SUN. APRIL 28	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	THRIVENT PRESENTATION WITH GLENN STEWART

*Today, we welcome Matt DiDonato,
who will be playing our hymns for us today.*

*We are so thankful and appreciative
of your outstanding talent, as you play for us.*



FRIDAY – APRIL 26TH – 7:00 PM
FAMILY AND FRIENDS FUN NIGHT

Come out and join us for a night of games and fun. Bring games you like to play. Bring a light snack to share, plus your favorite beverage. Invite your friends and family for a great night out! Please sign up in the Narthex, if interested.

THRIVENT SERVICES
APRIL 28, 11:00 AM

Glenn Stewart of Thrivent Financial Services will be here on April 28 after worship to share information on Thrivent (formerly Lutheran Brotherhood) and its services. If you are already a part of Thrivent, he will share how your Action Dollars and Thrivent Choice Dollars can help our ministry. If you are not already a part of Thrivent, then you can hear how Thrivent can benefit you. He will also provide refreshments.

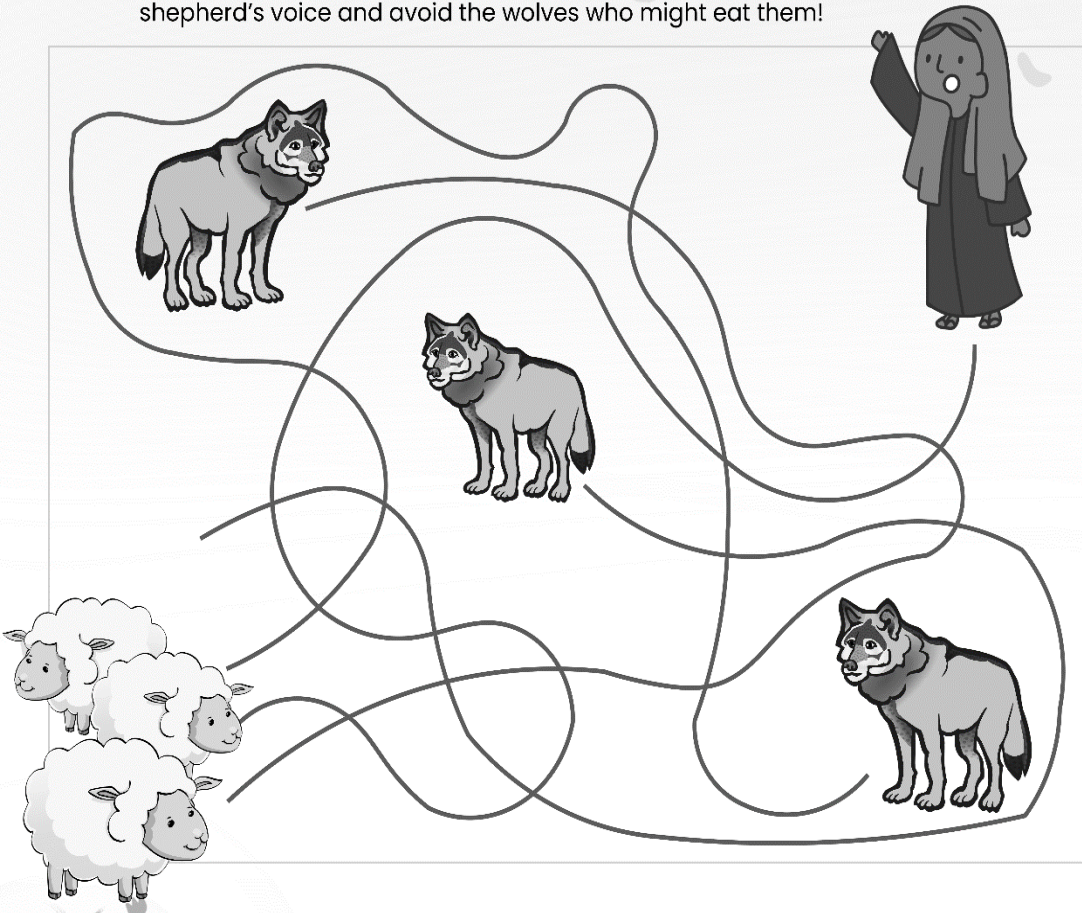
Come out and learn about Thrivent Services.

We need your help: Each week we need people to help set up and clean our communion ware, plus people who are willing to assist with communion. We also need readers (scriptures are sent out prior so that you can read over them.) We will train you. Please help. Thank you.

Worship Ministers	This Week: 04/21/24	Next Week: 04/28/24
Reader	Regina Moschik	Michael Hozik
Communion Assistants	NO COMMUNION	Volunteers Needed
Altar Guild	NO COMMUNION	Betty Pollock

HEAR MY VOICE

Choose the correct line to help the sheep follow their good shepherd's voice and avoid the wolves who might eat them!



Did You Know?
There are more than 1,000 different kinds of sheep in the world. The two main types of sheep raised in Israel today are called Agassi and Assaf.



TRY IT AT HOME!
Ask a grown-up if they can buy some sheep's milk or cheese made from sheep's milk to try.

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RCL Kid's Bulletin

April 21, 2024

John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd

Jesus told his friends, "I am the good shepherd."

"What does that mean," asked Joanna, scratching her head.

"It means I take care of all people as if they were my flock of sheep," Jesus answered.

John frowned. "I still don't get it."

Jesus said, "A shepherd loves his sheep and the sheep love their shepherd. They listen to the shepherd's voice and follow him."

Mary said, "So since you love us and we love you, we will listen to you."

"Exactly," Jesus said. "And if a wolf attacks the sheep, the shepherd will defend them even if it kills him."

"Wait," Peter said. "You love everyone in the world so much you would die for us?"

Jesus nodded. "Yes, Peter. I would."

That gave Jesus' friends a lot to think about!



REMEMBER THIS

SHEPHERD

Someone who takes care of sheep.

Draw & Color

Color the picture of Jesus the Good Shepherd

