

APRIL 26, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Followers of Jesus shepherd one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
Monday	Acts 2:42-47	Life among believers
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:19-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-31	God, the true shepherd
Friday	Romans 12:14-18	Marks of the true Christian
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my Shepherd
Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Acts 2:44-45 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, keep us close to your care, and in our times of suffering may we trust in you and be cared for by others through Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for preparing a table for us that we may be strengthened for our journey as we follow you, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Good Shepherd guard you always. (1 Peter 2:25)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Savior, like a Shepherd

Lead Us

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does a shepherd do to care for the sheep?
- Jesus says his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). When and where do you hear Jesus' voice?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 2:42-47.

Every year the Fourth Sunday of Easter is the "Good Shepherd Sunday." Psalm 23 reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd. 1 Peter 2:25 states that Jesus is "the shepherd and guardian of your souls." John 10:4 speaks of the sheep who follow because they know the voice of the shepherd. Acts 2 gives a picture of what the community of the Good Shepherd looks like. It is a people who shepherd one another by sharing their possessions. Together they study the word of God, have fellowship, break bread and pray. Christian shepherds do these things. Daily they worship publicly but also break bread in homes with "glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people" (vv. 46b-47a). The result is a community that by its very way of life and by the power of God adds "to their number those who [are] being saved" (v. 47b). A community of people caring for one another witnesses to God's love. The outcome is more souls in the sheepfold.

Discuss: How is your home a place to shepherd souls?

Pray: **Good Shepherd, thank you for calling out to us through a community that cares for one another publicly and also in our daily lives. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you provide food, clothing, or shelter to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Draw or find a picture of a sheep. Imagine you are the shepherd for this sheep. Make a list of things you would do to take care of the sheep. Psalm 23 begins with the words, "The Lord is my shepherd." Read Psalm 23 and compare your list with the ways the Lord cares for sheep. How are the lists the same? How are they different? Then take a moment to breathe in and say: **The Lord is my shepherd.** Breathe out and say: **I shall not want.**



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