

MAY 8, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:
Jesus is our shepherd.

WEEKLY MILESTONES: 

Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” **John 10:27 (NRSV)**

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION: 

In this reading Jesus was walking in the temple in Jerusalem. The Jews gathered around him and asked if he was the Messiah or not. Jesus answered them that he had told them before and they do not believe. He went on to explain that the ones who believe are his sheep and they hear his voice and follow him.

GOSPEL READING: **Read: John 10:22-30** **Jesus promises life to his sheep**

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS: 

1. In this reading, what holiday is being celebrated?	A The festival of first fruits (Shavuot) B Celebration of the fall harvest (Sukkot) C Festival of the Dedication (Hanukkah) D New Year celebration (Rosh Hashanah)
2. In this reading, what portion of the temple in Jerusalem was Jesus walking in?	A The temple vestibule or porch (ulam) B The portico of Solomon (stoa) C The temple sanctuary (hekhal or heikal) D The holy of holies chamber (debir)
3. In this reading, what does Jesus say he will give to his sheep that follow him?	A Eternal life B Loving and consistent leadership C Safety and security in life D All the grass that they can eat

Answer key on page 2



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SCRIPTURE READING DISCUSSION:



- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from this reading?
- What message do you hear for us in this reading?
- How does this reading influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?

RELATED READINGS FOR REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTING:



Acts 9:36-43	Peter brings Dorcas back to life
Revelation 7:9-17	The multitude from every nation
Hebrews 13:20-22	Final prayers
Isaiah 40:6-11	Encourage God's people
1 Peter 5:1-7	Helping Christian leaders
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd

RELATED READINGS DISCUSSION:



What similar themes or general concept did you discover in these related readings? How do they connect to the theme of the week?

HYMN OF THE WEEK:



Shepherd Me, O God

Text: Marty Haugen (1950-)

Music: Marty Haugen (1950-)



<https://youtu.be/YFgZGIZ5t80>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #780]

CLOSING PRAYER:

Almighty God, give us faith to trust Jesus, our good shepherd, and to faithfully follow him into the world and do your will. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May Jesus the Good Shepherd hold you in eternal care.



Answer Key: 1-C, 2-B, 3-A