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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we are celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday. Our Epistle reading for today reminds us that we, like sheep, have gone astray. Sheep are prone to wander off in search of "greener pastures". They often wander into dangerous places. Do we ever wander in search of greener pastures, rather than being content with all that the Lord provides? Sheep have a tendency towards fear and anxiety. With so many natural predators they need someone they can trust to defend them from harm and danger. What kind of things cause us fear and anxiety? The guilt and shame of sin? Sickness and death? Financial troubles? Or even the uncertainty of a world turned upside down by the Wuhan virus? The good news of Good Shepherd Sunday is that we DO have a Good Shepherd! The Lord Jesus Christ invites us into His sheep fold. He searches for us when we are lost. He guards and protects us from any and every fear, doubt, or worry. Our Good Shepherd laid down His life for us on the cross. And that Good Shepherd is leading us through this day and every day into eternity. In Him, *Pastor Gorshe*

LUTHERAN HOUR

Listen to the Lutheran Hour each Sunday over radio station KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790) at 12:30 p.m. Today's program is "Rescue, Test, Rest" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know. He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him." (Exodus 16)



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Stewardship



1 Peter 2:21— “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like—to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

At this time, The Shepherd's Food Pantry has resumed distributing groceries on Friday morning from 10 to 12 noon — by a drive-through method.

A visitor will pull up to the pantry door to place their order and the food will be brought to their car.

If you know of anyone in need of help at this time, put out the word that the pantry is open at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU!

1 Corinthians 10:31b (ESV) “whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Thank you so much for your generosity with your mites in April. According to the *League Letter*, we are very near completing this biennium's Mission Grant goals, so keep those mites coming so we can complete the current goals and get a head start on next biennium's grants. With next Sunday being the first one in May, please consider including a donation to Mites and the LWML general fund as you make your contribution to church. Linda will keep the donations in the office for our treasurer to pick up and deposit. Our District *League Letter* is now available by going to "midsouthlwml.org" and click on the three bars in the upper right hand corner. From there go down to "Publications" and "League Letters."

