Acts 2:42-47

# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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SERVICE THEME	He Lives to be My Good Shepherd
OPENING HYMN	Christ the Lord is Risen Again   459
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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST LESSON

The early Church was marked by devotion to apostolic teaching and genuine love for one another. And the Good Shepherd's flock grew.

They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

<sup>46</sup>Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM	I Will Live in the House of the LORD	23
Soloist/Choir will sing the verses.	Congregation will join in refrain & "Glory be to the Fathe	?r"

**SONG IN THURSDAY SERVICE**See, What a Morning | 451Soloist will sing stanzas 1-2. Congregation will join in stanza 3.

### ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE

"Across the Lands" by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1 Peter 2:19-25

This song is based on hymn 549, if you would like to follow along with the words in the hymnal.

#### SECOND LESSON

St. Peter calls us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer, even if it means we suffer for doing good.

For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

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John 10.1-10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Jesus is not only our Good Shepherd. He is the gate through which we enter into the green pastures of salvation.

"Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the

door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus said again, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup>"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

The Lord's My Shepherd | 553

## "Jesus is Our Good Shepherd"

Pastor Adam Zimpelmann

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**GATHERING OF OFFERING: ADULT BELLS IN 8:00 SERVICE** *"Tell the Story" by Karissa Dennis* 

**PRAYERS & BLESSING** 

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven | 460

#### **ORGANIST:** David Koepsell

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Barb Krug 10:30 ~ Sue Repp

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