

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**AS WE GATHER:** The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: “Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home.” Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words “I am the Good Shepherd” more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

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He will tend His  
flock like a shepherd;  
He will gather the  
lambs in His arms;  
He will carry them  
in His bosom, and  
gently lead those that  
are with young.  
*Isaiah 40:11*

**Hymn #477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

**Invocation & Versicles**

**Psalm 23**

**First Reading** *Acts 2:42–47*

**Epistle Reading** *1 Peter 2:19–25*

**Hymn #710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

**Gospel Reading** *John 10:1–10*

**Apostles' Creed**

**Hymn #709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**Sermon** “Everything We Need” *Text: Psalm 23*

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others** *Prayer response: “Hear our prayer.”*

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benedicamus**

**Hymn #711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**