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Easter 4 • April 19, 21-22, 2018

On Saturday, we worship according to Evening Prayer, p. 54 in the hymnal. On Sunday, we worship according to Morning Praise, p. 45 in the hymnal.

Saturday: Liturgy and Evening Hymn, pp. 54-56

Sunday: Morning Hymn and Liturgy, pp. 45-47

Hymn—360, “The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want”

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 23 (p. 72)

First Lesson—Acts 20:28-32

Keep the Flock Safe from Wolves

²⁸“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. ³⁰Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

³²“And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

Second Lesson—1 Peter 5:1–4 EHV

Be Eager to Care for Souls

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you:

²Shepherd God’s flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires, not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. ³Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

Gospel—John 10:11–18 EHV

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

¹¹“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me ¹⁵(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

Hymn—375, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon— John 10:11–18 EHV

Jesus is the True Good Shepherd

- 1. His care for us has no limits**
- 2. He graciously calls us to belong to His flock**

After Sermon we sing Hymn 432 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Offering—Please sign Friendship Register at this time

Saturday: Liturgy, pp. 59-61

Sunday: Liturgy, pp. 50-51

Hymn—436, “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”

WELS Connection after the Service features 125 years of God’s grace at the Apache Mission in Arizona