

First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself

bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

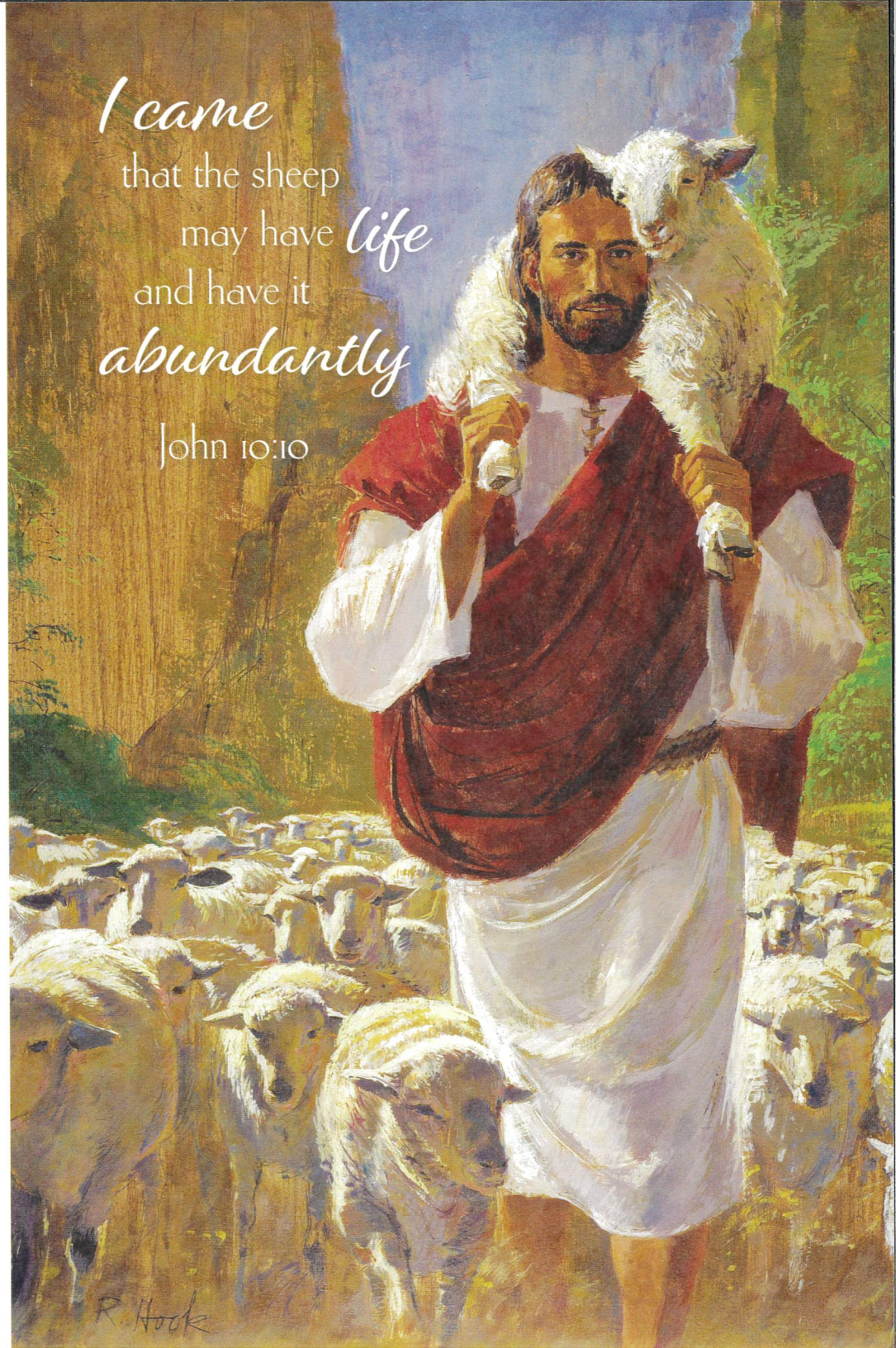
Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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John 10:10



Easter

About the Cover: Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads His sheep to eternal life. The Good Shepherd is intent on giving life as He searches for the lost, gives guidance for the wandering, provides protection for the helpless, and delivers food for the hungry. He gave us this abundant life by laying down His own for His sheep and taking it up again. Since Christ gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, we can have confidence that the life He promises us is in His hand forever (see John 10:28).

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April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Office of Matins (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 219)

Hymn of Invocation 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

Opening Versicles (Common, p. 219)

Venite (p. 220)

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Office Hymn 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory (Easter, p. 222)

Sermon

***Te Deum* (p. 223)**

Presentation of the Offering

Kyrie (p. 227)

Collect of the Day

☐ Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

☐ let us pray to the Lord:

☑ **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers conclude:

☐ ...one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Collect for Grace (p. 228)

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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WE PRAY: Gentle Shepherd, strong Guardian of our souls, since we would be hopelessly lost in this world without Your strong hand to protect us and Your tender love to care for us, stay with us, for without You we are altogether defenseless against the enemies of our souls; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead
Pastor Tuesday—Friday please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/>
and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—3 Adult Bible class—6 Worship—44

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$3,455.00
Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship
	11:00 am	Quarterly Voters' Assembly
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Confirmation
Saturday	8:00 am	Church Work Day
Sunday	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1

SPECIAL OFFERING –This is the last day the plate will be out for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dallas TX who had severe fire damage to their church and school Jan. 29, 2026 (full story on the bulletin board). All gifts will be matched up to a total of \$2,500 with funds from Karna Hol-latz estate. Let us reach out to our fellow Christian church in their time of need.

CHURCH WORK DAY is planned for this coming Saturday, May 2, 8am-12pm. We would appreciate your help.

Building Healthy Families: *"I have learned now that while those who speak about one's miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more."* (C.S. Lewis) If you're alive and old enough to read this, you've probably experienced the deep pain of losing someone you love. The Gospel, God's ministering through His Spirit, the support of a pastor, and the love of family and friends help us heal. But sometimes – for a variety of important reasons – the pain of grief doesn't resolve and we feel stuck. If this is true for you or someone you know, call us. Lutheran Family Service offers specialized care for complicated or unresolved grief that will help. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**



ALTAR FLOWERS—Please consider providing Altar flower for a Sunday. Sign the flower chart found on the bulletin board next to the rest rooms. Sign your name for the date of your choice. Use the yellow enve-

lope write the occasion you are celebrating and to pay for the flowers (\$30 for two arrangements, checks made out to St. John's church). Place the envelope in the offering plate. The rest will be taken care of.

SEEKING -The Rock Island Circuit is looking for applicants for a Parish Nurse to serve its churches. Requirements include: RN and Online District Parish Nurse certification. Interested parties may contact Mel Vogel, head elder at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island (309-781-9624).

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.*

ST JOHN'S—**Mr. Aaron Raschke**—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Aaron asking Your blessings on him.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Linda Aper	Paula Chapa	Joyce DeFauw
John Erdman	Betty Firch	Marcia Helke
Jessica Johnson	Rosalie Jorgensen	Linda Lundquist
Mary Jayne Nash	Aaron Raschke	Drew Schillinger
Dave Schmidt	Carolyn Werner	Denice Winchell
Carolyn Wildermuth		Marilyn Woods

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)

Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)

Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)

Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)

Joline Parrish (sister of Gayla Kroll)

Ann Behrendt (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)

Lyll Talarico (niece of Mary Jo Gehn)

Cindy Davenport (cousin of Terri Hock)

Chad Gehn (nephew of Brad Gehn)

Jeff Schreck (cousin of Terri Hock)

Ralph Boney (uncle of Larry Hock)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Luke Thompson (son of John/Kindra Thompson)

Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)

Brittany Lenni (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)

Chase Werling (nephew of Joel Werling)

Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CIRCUIT MOVIE OUTING, Thursday, May 7 at 3pm

The Story of Everything is a cinematic exploration of the cosmos that reveals the hidden hand behind our universe. The film provides an evidence-based answer to the ultimate mystery of the universe: how did we get here? And it reveals a stunning conclusion: scientific evidence supports not just the existence of an intelligent designer of some kind — but the existence of a personal God. The scientific rediscovery of God provides hope of purpose and meaning to human existence, contrary to the claims of atheist scientists who assert that human life lacks any ultimate significance.

- **Please RSVP by Sunday, May 3rd, directly to Holy Cross Lutheran Church at office@holycrossmoline-lcms.org, or call 309-764-9720**
- Tickets are \$8.00 each (bring cash or a check written to Holy Cross to the movie)
- We will have reserved a theater at VIP Moline (near Lowes and Applebees)
- We will be inviting the rest of the Rock Island Circuit as well.
- Invite a friend to join us!

You can watch The Story of Everything, Official Trailer on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwL3ZKlwEoc>