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ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
118 State Street ♦ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 29, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE
GATHERING HYMN
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done ELW 366
GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392 (vs. 1)
HYMN OF THE DAY
The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502
MUSICAL OFFERING
The Head That Once was Crowned With Thorns
Clark Henderson
COMMUNION HYMN
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW 384
SENDING HYMN *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* ELW 364
POSTLUDE *Rejoice the Lord is King* James Mansfield

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Reverend Larry Hawkins
Director of Music	Daniel W. Deitzel III
Assisting Minister	Kevin Hepler
Eucharistic Minister	Barry Ridge
Cantor	Sue Will
Acolyte	Clair Gunnet, Jr.
Lector	Janine Laurent
Greeters	Maria and Marissa Archer
Ushers	Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Altar Guild	Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills
Offering Counters	Maria Archer and Guy Kehler



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PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

Hasten the day, Lord God, when it will be clear that there is one flock and one shepherd. Until that day comes, bring together the many expressions of Christian faith into greater partnership for the mission you have given us. Open our eyes to any opportunity to have greater cooperation between Christians. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

Persons with impairments - St. Michael offers to those with any type of hearing difficulty a small, remote personal speaker which provides the user an amplified, high quality audio of the entire service. We invite our guests who may have the need for such an accommodation to ask an usher for a personal speaker. (They are available upon entering the Nave.) We welcome any comments concerning St. Michael's efforts to accommodate persons with impairments or disabilities.

As part of our stewardship of the earth God has created for us, we are using our worship bulletins for a complete season of the church year. Please remove the worship service section and place it in the basket provided in the narthex. You may take this cover and the readings insert. Thank you for helping to conserve our natural resources and allowing the cost of paper to be redirected to other areas of ministry.

An enlarged copy of the bulletin is available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

PROPER VERSE

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am ^lthe good shepherd.*
I know my own and my ^lown know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

GOSPEL

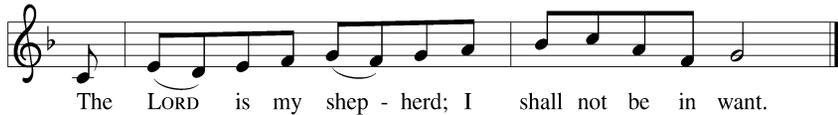
JOHN 10:11-18

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

PSALM

PSALM 23

The refrain is sung by the choir, repeated by the assembly. The psalm is sung antiphonally by the cantor and assembly, beginning with the cantor. The



assembly sings the refrain where marked.

- ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
- ²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- ³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Helping Hands Ministry
- Worship and Music Committee Meeting
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Choir Rehearsal
- Pastor Hawkins' Day Off
- Girl Scout Meeting
- Mothers' Day Tea
- The Humperdinck-L-Ettes
- Helping Hands Ministry

- Today at 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday
- Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Next Sunday at 11:15 a.m.
- Next Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

By water and the Spirit we are baptized into the body of Christ and made members of his church. We remember and rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Darlene Deitz on May 5.

Readings for the *Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 6*, are:

- Acts 8:26–40
- Psalm 22:25–31
- 1 John 4:7–21
- John 15:1–8

Join members and friends of St. Michael for an evening of Christian music and fellowship on Friday, May 11. Christian Churches United is sponsoring a benefit concert featuring John Michael Talbot at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$35, but will be covered by the Kuhnert Fund. You are welcome to make a donation or cover your own expenses as well. Donated funds will be returned to the Kuhnert Fund for future use. A 6:30 p.m. buffet reception is planned. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to register for this event.

Lutheran Night with the Senators will take place on Friday, May 18. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each (\$4 of each ticket will be donated to Camp Nawakwa and Kirchenwald). A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The last Sunday to sign-up is next Sunday, May 6 for ticket orders due by May 7.

Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Red is the color of the day! Geraniums are the flower of the day! Geraniums come in 4" pots. Cost is \$4.00 each. An order form is included in today's bulletin, as well as in the May issue of the newsletter. **All orders with payment are due no later than Sunday, May 13.** In lieu of geraniums, donations may be made to *For This Holy House*.

Help fill up the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall with non-perishable food items to be donated to Loaves of Love Food Bank. Share what you can.

Bring your empty, rinsed beverage cans to St. Michael. The cans will be recycled and all money collected will go to *For This Holy House*.

Volunteers are needed to help Helping Hands Ministries on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:00—6:00 p.m. There is a sign up chart on the bulletin board. See Mike Ennis or Lindsay Mills with any questions.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a “wish list” on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating some of these items.

Helping Hands Ministries has posted a wish list for a Haitian Mission Trip that will take place from May 14—May 21. If you would like to help, please see the information on the list.

There are several openings for Altar Flower, Bulletin and Fellowship Hour sponsors. If you can fill one of these, please sign up on the bulletin board, or contact the church office.

Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God by Sue McDonald and Chris Persson.

Bulletins are paid for from church funds.

Fellowship hour is sponsored to the Glory of God by the Fellowship Committee.

We remember the following members and friends of St. Michael in prayer this week: Pat Harm and Diana Pate.

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FIRST READING

ACTS 4:5–12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'
¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."