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# *Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please silence your cell phone and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

## Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

## Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the service. Pre-Kindergarten and lower elementary meet in the basement, elementary students in the teller room and Pastor's study, junior high and high school at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Tim Terhune
Organist	Anne Bennet
Crucifer	Matthew Connell
Acolytes	Hayden England, Laz Gregory

## Prayer for Worship

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* Lord Jesus, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. We now come at Your invitation to the heavenly feast, which You have provided for Your children on earth. Preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Your blood. Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope, and assure us a place at Your heavenly table, where we will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forever and ever. Hear us, Jesus, for Your own sake. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Am I bitter?
- Do I uphold and defend the name and reputation of others?
- Have I judged without being duly authorized to do so?

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THE EASTER ACCLAMATION  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*> Please stand and face the processional crucifix at the entrance to the nave. <  
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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN— TUNE: TLH 199 & TEXT: LSB 457

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| <p><b>1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>△ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!</b><br/> <b>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</b></p> |
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THE INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,*  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*  
**and You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*> Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination. <*

**All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

# *The Absolution*

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen.**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is*  
**when brothers dwell in unity!**

*It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,*  
**running down on the collar of his robes!**

*It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!*

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

*Glory to God on high:*

**and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,**

**We glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.**

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. > Silence for personal prayers. <*

*O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ***The Reading of God's Word***

*the First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 116:1–14; antiphon v. 5*

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.*

*I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

**Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

*The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*

*I suffered distress and anguish.*

**Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.*

**The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.**

*Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.*

**For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

*I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.*

**I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";**

*I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."*

**What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?**

*I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,*

**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.*

*the Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17–25*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God. to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*the Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13–35*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED

*Having heard the Word, what do you believe?*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 200 & TEXT: LSB 461, STANZAS 1–3, 6–8

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| <p><b>1 I know that my Redeemer lives;<br/>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br/>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br/>He lives, my ever-living head.</b></p> <p><b>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;<br/>He lives eternally to save;<br/>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br/>He lives exalted there on high.</b></p> <p><b>3 He lives to bless me with His love;<br/>He lives to plead for me above;<br/>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>He lives to help in time of need.</b></p> | <p><b>4 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>He lives and loves me to the end;<br/>He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br/>He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</b></p> <p><b>5 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>He lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>He lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>He lives to bring me safely there.</b></p> <p><b>6 He lives, all glory to His name!<br/>He lives, my Jesus, still the same;<br/>Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br/>I know that my Redeemer lives!</b></p> |
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# *The Sermon*

*Luke 24:13–35*

OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 189 & TEXT: LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die, and Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, rising glorious, life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living!**

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## *The Presentation of the Offering*

*I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.*

**O LORD, my strength, I love You.**

## *The Prayer of the Church*

*after each petition:*

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.*

2 Timothy 4:22

**And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

[Colossians 3:1]

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

[Psalm 136]

**It is good and right that we do.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

*It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## *The Words of Institution*

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,  
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## *Holy Communion*

*Note on Holy Communion: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise His very body and blood are really present, so that we come into direct communion with the exalted Christ and His forgiveness. As we do so, we also bear witness to the oneness in doctrine of those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we kindly ask guests to speak with pastor before communing so that all who receive Holy Communion with us might first be properly instructed. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

*Psalm 61 (antiphon: vv. 6–7)*

*This hymn can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #310.*

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| <p><b>1</b> Thy table I approach,<br/>Dear Savior, hear my prayer;<br/>Oh, let no unrepented sin<br/>Prove hurtful to me there!</p> <p><b>2</b> Lo, I confess my sins<br/>And mourn their wretched bands;<br/>A contrite heart is sure to find<br/>Forgiveness at Thy hands.</p> <p><b>3</b> Thy body and Thy blood,<br/>Once slain and shed for me,<br/>Are taken here with mouth and soul,<br/>In blest reality.</p> | <p><b>4</b> Search not how this takes place,<br/>This wondrous mystery;<br/>God can accomplish vastly more<br/>Than seemeth plain to thee.</p> <p><b>5</b> Vouchsafe, O blessed Lord,<br/>That earth and hell combined<br/>May ne'er about this Sacrament<br/>Raise doubt within my mind.</p> <p><b>6</b> Oh, may I never fail<br/>To thank Thee day and night<br/>For Thy true body and true blood,<br/>O God, my Peace and Light!</p> |
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| <p><b>1</b> Jesus, grant that balm and healing<br/>In Your holy wounds I find,<br/>Ev'ry hour that I am feeling<br/>Pains of body and of mind.<br/>Should some evil thought within<br/>Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,<br/>Show the peril, and from sinning<br/>Keep me from its first beginning.</p> <p><b>2</b> Should some lust or sharp temptation<br/>Fascinate my sinful mind,<br/>Draw me to Your cross and passion,<br/>And new courage I shall find.<br/>Or should Satan press me hard,<br/>Let me then be on my guard,<br/>Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"<br/>That the tempter flee confounded.</p> | <p><b>3</b> If the world my heart entices<br/>With the broad and easy road,<br/>With seductive, sinful vices,<br/>Let me weigh the awful load<br/>You were willing to endure.<br/>Help me flee all thoughts impure<br/>And to master each temptation,<br/>Calm in prayer and meditation.</p> <p><b>4</b> Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me<br/>By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;<br/>When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,<br/>Granting new life to my soul.<br/>Yes, Your comfort renders sweet<br/>Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;<br/>For Your all-atoning passion<br/>Has procured my soul's salvation.</p> |
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- 5** O my God, my rock and tower, grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.

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- 1 **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 2 **I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**
- 3 **Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.**
- 4 **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 5 **I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!**
- 6 **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

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*THE NUNC DIMITTIS*

*Luke 2:29–32*

**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,  
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*THE THANKSGIVING*

*Psalms 107:1*

**Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!  
And His mercy endures forever!**

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have given us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.*  
*The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*  
*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 436

*This hymn can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #436.*

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| <p><b>1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;<br/>He makes me down to lie<br/>In pastures green; He leadeth me<br/>The quiet waters by.</b></p> <p><b>2 My soul He doth restore again<br/>And me to walk doth make<br/>Within the paths of righteousness,<br/>E'en for His own name's sake.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,<br/>Yet will I fear no ill;<br/>For Thou art with me, and Thy rod<br/>And staff me comfort still.</b></p> <p><b>4 My table Thou hast furnished<br/>In presence of my foes;<br/>My head Thou dost with oil anoint,<br/>And my cup overflows.</b></p> <p><b>5 Goodness and mercy, all my life,<br/>Shall surely follow me;<br/>And in God's house forevermore<br/>My dwelling place shall be.</b></p> |
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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested  
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Exodus 32:15–35	Luke 6:39–49
M	Exodus 33:1–23	Luke 7:1–17
Tu	Exodus 34:1–28	Luke 7:18–35
W	Exodus 34:29–35:21	Luke 7:36–50
Th	Ex. 38:21–39:8, 22–31	Luke 8:1–21
F	Ex. 39:32–40:16	Luke 8:22–39
Sa	Exodus 40:17–38	Luke 8:40–56

### Christian Questions & Answers

*Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther  
for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.*

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, Christians may ask themselves these questions:

8. *How many Gods are there?* Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?*  
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. *Did the Father also die for you?* He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. *How do you know this?* From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me. *LSB 878:1*

### Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*The following topics may guide your prayer each day.*

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers,  
and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil;  
for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family;  
for our schools, communities, and  
neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve  
in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our  
Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive  
hearts and minds to God's Word

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26

Acts 2:42–47; Psalms 23 (v. 1; KJV) & 28 (v. 9);

1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10