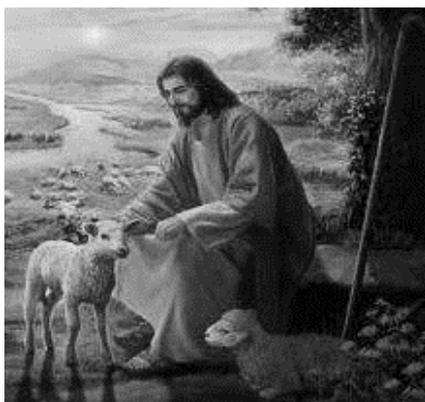


John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for 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. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”



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In Christ –
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Will Friesen
Welcome and Announcements		Glenn Wiebe
Prelude to Worship		Will Friesen
*Call to Worship	Psalm 23	VT 725
*Prayer		
Hymn	Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us	VT 718
Time for Children		Maura Wiebe

SHARING

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Tom
Hymn	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need	VT 640

LISTENING

The Lessons		John 10:11-18; Psalm 77
Sermon	Honest to God	Dr. Rick Bartlett

RESPONDING

Hymns	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	(Insert)
	Christ Who Left His Home in Glory	VT 361
Sending		VT 1011
Postlude		Will Friesen

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you watch this service!

Award-winning syndicated columnist **Leonard Pitts Jr.** returns today, April 25 at 2 p.m. with a **live online lecture titled, “Is America Possible?”** This is part of the Peace Lecture Series from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). **Register for the Zoom link at kipcor.org.**

Tabor College is excited to bring **The Triumphant Quartet** to campus **today, Sunday, April 25 at 7 p.m.** in the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. This quartet has been singing quality gospel music since 2003, quickly gaining national attention and several #1 songs. Tickets may be purchased at www.tabor.edu/tickets or by phone at 620-947-3121 ext. 1401.

Kauffman Museum’s spring fundraiser is FaspBox – *faspa* in a box. *Faspa* is a light evening meal traditional among Low German-heritage Mennonites. Each box serves one and costs \$50. Reservations must be made by Monday, April 26 (for pickup or delivery on May 2) at www.kauffmanmuseum.org/faspbox or by contacting the museum with credit card information at kauffman@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

After a year of virtual and on-campus concerts, **Hesston College’s Bel Canto Singers** are hitting the road to perform a program entitled “Lift Every Voice” at locations across Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota. All performances will be held outdoors, and concert attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for socially distanced seating. The concert will be broadcasted over FM radio for those choosing drive-in parking. Up-to-date concert information—including locations—can be found at www.hesston.edu/everyvoice. The itinerary and host churches are:

- ☞ Monday, May 3, 7 pm – Dyck Arboretum of the Plains with Marie Engle, Hesston, Kan.
- ☞ Tuesday, May 4, 7 pm – First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kan.
- ☞ Thursday, May 6, 7 pm – Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Harper, Kan.
- ☞ Friday, May 7, 7 pm – Heartland Community High School, Henderson, Neb.
- ☞ Sunday, May 9, 4 pm – Salem-Zion Mennonite Church, Freeman S.D.
- ☞ Monday, May 10, 7 pm – Bethel Mennonite Church, Mountain Lake, Minn.

- ☞ Thursday, May 13, 7 pm – Banman Residence, 8538 Mette Street, Lenexa, Kan.
- ☞ Friday, May 14, 7 pm – Tabor Mennonite Church, Goessel, Kan.

Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or other close friend or relative to a precious little one who is *12 months or younger*? If so.....do you know if you have been vaccinated against whooping cough? By receiving the Tdap vaccine, you can provide protection for infants whose immune systems are most vulnerable and may not be old enough to receive or complete the vaccine series yet. Marion County Health Department has a special, reserved stock of Tdap vaccine for individuals who meet the criteria at a cost of only \$20. Call us today at **(620) 382-2550** to make your appointment to receive your vaccination to provide the precious ones in your life with possible life-saving protection.

Bethel College Women's Association invites donations to help purchase two earth-friendly water refill stations for the Bethel campus. The stations will accommodate water bottles, and cost \$890 each. Donate at bcwamarketonline.com by April 30, 2021. Thank you for your support!