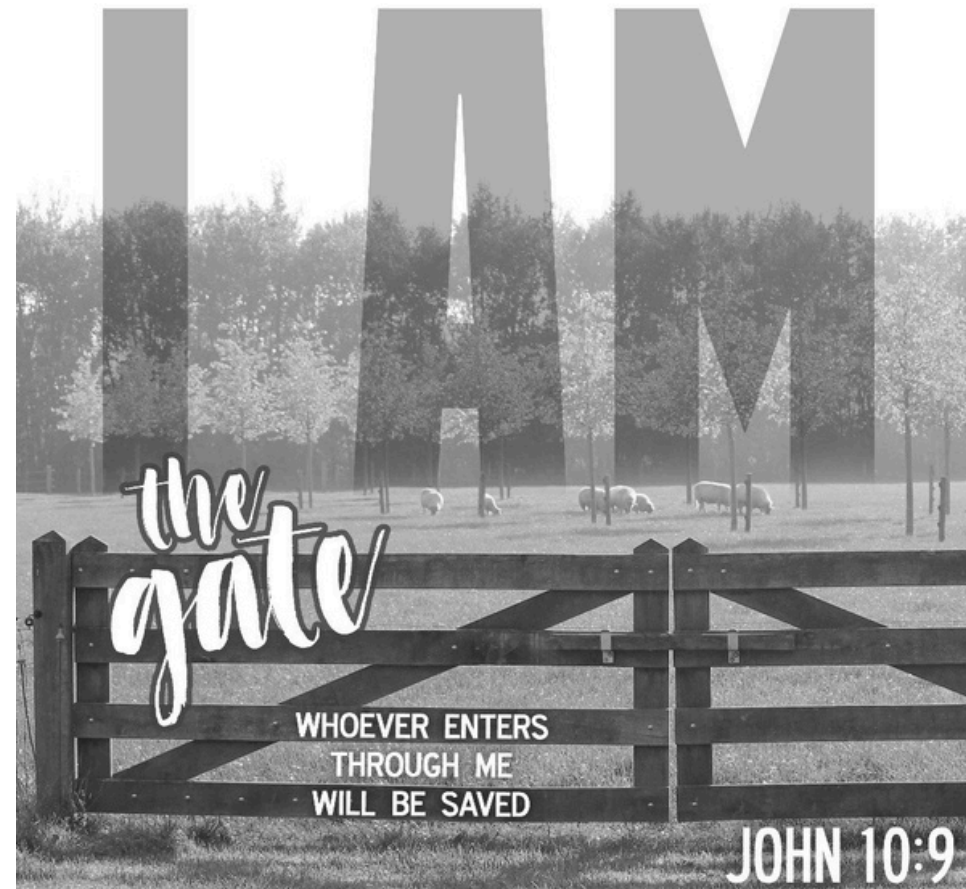


**Faith Lutheran (LCMC)  
Hutchinson, MN  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**What Does This Mean?**

1. Why is it hard to believe that Jesus' audience didn't understand his words?
2. What gave Jesus' picture of the good shepherd a sharp edge?
3. What threats face us as we hear Jesus' words today?
4. What ultimate assurance does Jesus provide by the imagery he used?

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Prelude  
Greeting/Announcements  
Hymn ..... “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” ..... LBW #245  
Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77  
Kyrie ..... LBW pg. 78  
Hymn of Praise ... “Have No Fear, Little Flock” ..... LBW #476

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, in calling from death our Lord Jesus, you shined the light of your truth into a world of darkness. Strengthen the faith of all whom you have grafted into the flock of the great shepherd of the sheep, that we may resolutely follow him and seek, in his name, to rescue the lost, heal the injured, and feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson ..... Ezekiel 34:1-5, 10-12, 15-16  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson ..... I Peter 2:18-25  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music ..... Sunday School Children

Faith Seeds ..... Shelly Kirchoff  
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation ..... LBW #138  
**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord. The gates of heav’n are open. My Jesus rose triumphantly. And Satan’s arrows broken lie, destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon. Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, life is giving. He was dead, but now is living!**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... John 10:1-10

Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon ..... “The Shepherd, the Gatekeeper and the Gate” .....  
..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Song ..... “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” ..... LBW #481

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering/Special Music ..... “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” .....  
Faith Singers and Kids’ Music Club

Offertory Response

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Doxology

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” LBW #128