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“Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God’s creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!”

Land Acknowledgement Statement

As we gather in this place, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Seneca Nation (Onödowá’ga:’). We remember that we also share this land with other parts of God’s good creation: plants, birds, and animals. May we be good stewards and good neighbors.

***Setting III
May 11, 2025***



Please let the lighting of the altar candles signal our time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE [8AM]

[11AM]

A Mother's Prayer

Frank Ritter

Good Christians All rejoice Cynthia Dobrinski
Joyful Sounds Handbell Choir
Denise Pearson, director

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

***HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection

#361

***GREETING**

P: Alleluia ! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SOLO

Lamb of God
Carolyn Worley, soprano

Twila Paris

FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

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¹ The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not ¹ be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.

³ You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me. **R**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever. **R**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

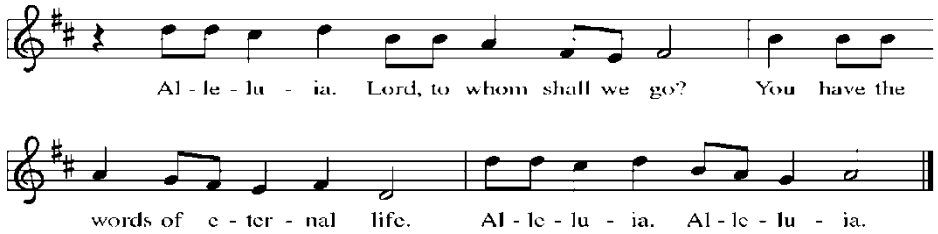
¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to ...

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Presider: The Word of God. The Word of life.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Ewing

Silence for reflection may follow.

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

#789

***NICENE CREED**

Assistant: Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: ... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering tray is available at the entrance of the sanctuary. For those wishing to do so, we encourage you to donate online at flcwarren.com/give.
As always, thank you for supporting the work of bringing
God's love to all people through First Lutheran!

OFFERTORY [8AM]

[11AM]

Feed My Sheep

He Leadeth Me

Senior Choir

Brenda Hunter, solist

Peter Pindar Stearns

Gilbert Martin

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

I'm So Glad

#860

1. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (the preface is sung)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS *Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

On the night he was betrayed, our Savior Jesus, bowed and prayed,
With his disciples he is speaking to us....

He took the loaf and broke the bread, held it high and then he said
This is my body, remember me, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah... Hallelujah... Hallelujah... Hallelujah...

After the meal, the cup he raised, the Father's name again he praised
This is my blood poured out for your forgiveness.

A promise given and fulfilled, though I am taken away and killed
Remember me, I am with you, Hallelujah.

Hallelujah... Hallelujah... Hallelujah... Hallelujah...

So, gathered as His body here, refusing to give in to fear
And all the powers of death that seek to lead us.

We stretch our hands, we cry and sing and tell the world HE is our KING
We cannot help but claim this Hallelujah!

Hallelujah... Hallelujah... Hallelujah... Hallelujah...

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God!

As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion,
bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it. The table is open to
everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle
with your hand(s) as you receive the bread. **Gluten free wafers and grape
juice are available from the ushers. Bring them forward to be blessed
by the pastor.** The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine
is "*Amen.*"

*For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the
usher know. For our friends who are not celebrating communion, simply
fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC [11AM] *Psalm 23* Leonard Bernstein
Denise Pearson, flute

COMMUNION HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* #843

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Be Not Afraid* #388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Living One,

C: in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

*BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen

SENDING

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Processional in E b

David Johnson

Please feel free to exit during the postlude.

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Today's Altar Flowers

*Given by Dave & Alice Engle, Connie Semintelli
in loving memory of Sharyn L. Engle, Robert & Jean Engle.*

*Given by Tim & Cheryl Huber
in loving memory of Ruth Huber.*

*Organ Vase given by Karen Schumacher, Fred & Barb Smith in
loving memory of Betty & Howard Schumacher*

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

This mother's day we celebrate *all the women of our church* as they take on the call to nurture our community by allowing God's loving light to shine through them in all they do. All women should receive a carnation from the ushers as token of our gratitude and blessing for the future.



Serving Today	May 11	May 18
Assisting Minister	(8AM) Kris Whitacker (11AM) Joan Griesbach	Randy Britton Cyndy Granger
Cantor	(8AM) Carolyn Worley (11AM) Tom Pierotti	Anne Benson Patrick Mulligan
Greeters	(8AM) Lori Nowacki (11AM) Joyce Kelley	Don & Kate Reed Cheri Kellogg
Acolyte	(8AM) Jen Kersey (11AM) Andrew Gausman	Jen Kersey Allyx Hoden
Children's Message	Anna Bielawski	Cheri Kellogg
Digital Deacon	Heidi Colosimo	Penny Lester
Counters	Mary Worley Jane Bearsley	Jane Beardsley Randy Britton

PRAYER LIST

Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.

Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.

*Please receive permission before submitting names
to be included on the Prayer List.*

Prayer Requests: *servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny, Jon Donaldson*

May 11: *Christopher Smith, Mary Hofer, Sheila Auer, Rod Anderson, Caleb Brannon, Brooke Benton, Annabelle Hartman*

May 4: *Kim Tome, Rose Troyan, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Peggy Nelson, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Elaine Powers, Donna Smith, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Denise Cederquist*

April 27: *Linn Hyde, Larry Rambish, Eunice Herrington, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Jerry Stuart, Connie Buerkle, Rita Hawk, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Tom & Robin Swanson, Joel Nowacki, Doug Granger, Sarah Downey, MaryBeth Nawrocki, Ariel Mickle*

Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or someone from the parish is in the hospital.

Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!



There is no kid's Sunday's Cool today. However, next week is our final Sunday's Cool of 2024/2025 year. Weather permitting; we will be outside playing games and doing crafts. Please encourage your kids to dress appropriately. Thanks!

34TH ANNUAL WELCA CONVENTION.

COME TO THE LIGHT -John 8:12.

Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, Pa. May 30-31, 2025.

The Registration Form has arrived. Copies are posted on the information wall. The committee did an outstanding job tweaking things so that it will be more affordable for all. There are many options.

This year we will be supporting Bethesda Lutheran Services and the Right Start Young Mothers' Program.

What a great way to connect with your Sisters in Christ. We will need a delegate from our church. The Commuter Saturday (only lunch and registration) has been a popular choice for our congregational unit.

"Remember we are a community of women, created in the image of God, called to Discipleship in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

All are welcome!



CREATION SUNDAY POSTCARD

If you didn't get your postcard last week, check at the table in the narthex after the 8am and 11am services. If you want to send out more, we have extras and ask for a donation of \$1 per card, with all money going to support the Allegheny River Clean-Up. Please help us spread the word about caring for God's creation!



Refrigerator Schedule

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday at 6:30 PM

*HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room
UCC/Upstairs Couch Classroom, N/Narthex, K/Kitchen*

Sunday, May 11

MOTHER'S DAY

8:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**
9:31 AM **Sunday's Cool (NH)**
(No Children's Sunday's Cool)
11:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**
4:00 PM Philharmonic Concert (SY)
6:00 PM **Losers (OFH)**

Monday, May 12

LANTERN INFO DUE

1:00 PM Mahjongg (NH)
6:00 PM **ESOL (UC)**
7:00 PM Genealogy (NH)

Tuesday, May 13

11:00 AM **Senior Fellowship (SY/NH)**
1:30PM **Social Ministry (NH)**
6:00 PM Ukrainian Bible Study (YR)
6:30 PM **Kitchen Committee (NH)**

Wednesday, May 14

9:00 AM **Workshop (OFH)**
12:00 PM **Bible Study (NH)**
5:00 PM Grief Yoga (OFH)
5:15 PM **Handbells (SY)**
6:00 PM **ESOL (UC)**
7:00 PM **Choir (CR)**

Thursday, May 15

10:00 AM **Prayer Shawl (HP)**

PRODUCE EXPRESS

Sunday, May 18

8:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**
9:31 AM **Sunday's Cool (NH)**
10:15 AM **Confircamp Parents Meeting (HP)**
11:00 AM **Communion Service (SY)**
12:15 PM **Mission Trip Meeting (NH)**
6:00 PM **Losers (OFH)**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

In addition to quilts, we are blessing prayer shawls today. Our prayer shawl team meets on Thursdays at 10AM for knitting, fellowship and prayer over the concerns of our community, particularly those who have received shawls. EVERYONE is welcome to join! You are also welcome to take a prayer shawl for someone in need at any time. Prayer Shawls and gift bags are always available in the office. Just let Jess know what information we can add to the prayer shawl team's prayer list (even if it is an unspoken request). These shawls are not magic but they are a physical reminder of the love, prayer, and support our church sends to those in need.



ANNUAL QUILT SHOW-

This Mother's Day the FLC Quilters Workshop have put their hard work on display for your enjoyment. Quilts are on display throughout the sanctuary. The quilting workshop always welcomes new members of all ages and skill levels. While they will soon be taking their summer break, they normally meet on Wednesdays at 9AM in Old Fellowship Hall. They will resume work in the fall. During the today's service we will bless the quilts and those who will benefit from them. Most will be delivered to the will be delivered the Lutheran World Relief Shipping Center in Baltimore to be distributed throughout the world where needed. A few others have been donated locally. While our mission is to provide warmth and comfort to people in need we do offer some to be sold to offset the cost of materials, equipment and shipping. We suggest a donation of \$35.

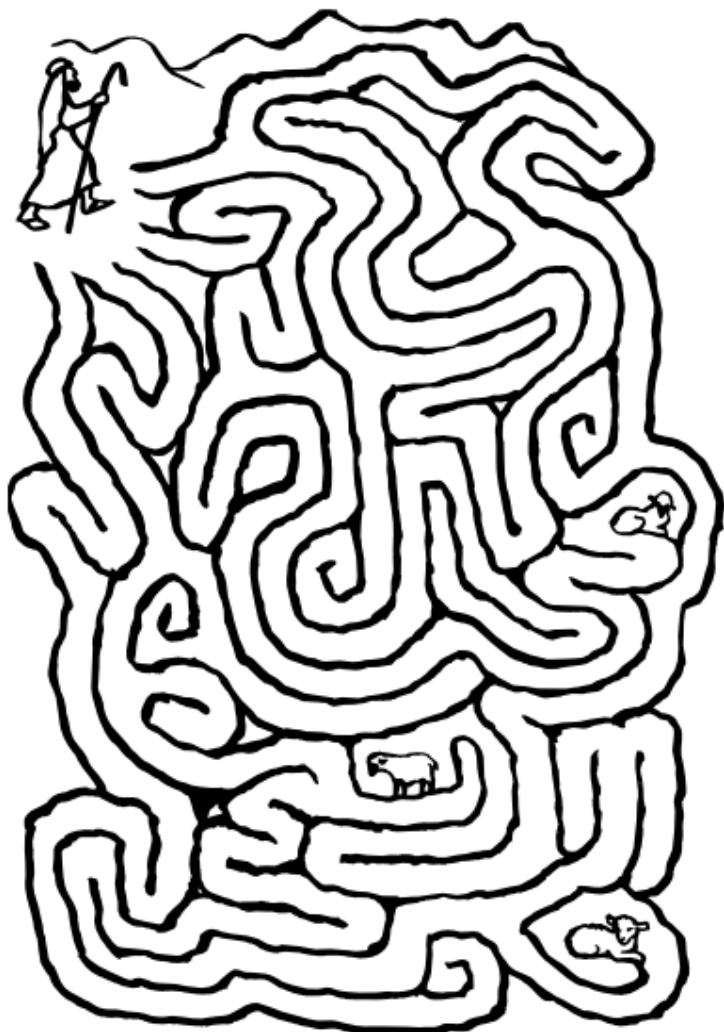


The good shepherd

John 10:22-30

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. No one will steal my sheep away from me. I give them everlasting life and they will be with me forever."

Help this shepherd find three missing sheep.



†his week

A good shepherd calls sheep by name. Find out how your name was chosen and what it means.