

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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4th Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026
Worship Service – 10:30 am



"Abundant Life"



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. **TFWS** = The Faith We Sing.

Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

GREETERS—Cindy McCraith / Steve McCraith

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* by Gilbert M. Martin
Linda Custer

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Sam L.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Mary McDonald
Linda Custer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** led by Eleanor Bateman

LEADER: Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep."

PEOPLE: ***We come, seeking the voice of our Shepherd.***

LEADER: The Good Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to life.

PEOPLE: ***We listen for His voice and follow in trust***

LEADER: The Lord is our Shepherd; we shall not want.

PEOPLE: ***He leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.***

LEADER: In Christ, we find abundant life.

PEOPLE: ***We enter His gates with gratitude and worship in His presence.***

OPENING PRAYER led by Eleanor Bateman

Gracious Shepherd: You call us by name and gather us into your care. In a world of noise and competing voices, train our hearts to recognize your truth and follow your way. Through Jesus, the gate and the giver of abundant life, open before us the fullness of your grace. May we enter with joy, live with trust, and reflect your goodness and mercy in all we do. We offer ourselves to you in worship, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN—<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	UMH 381
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	Betty King
FIRST READING—<i>Psalm 23</i> The Word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Kirsten Lewis
CHORAL ANTHEM—<i>I Am The Gate</i>	by Frombach/Lantz Chancel Choir/David Melton
SECOND READING—<i>John 10:1-10</i> The Word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Rev. Timothy Dowell
MESSAGE—<i>Abundant Life</i>	Rev. Timothy Dowell
*HYMN OF RESPONSE—<i>Walk With Me</i>	TFWS 2242
JOYS AND CONCERNS	Rev. Timothy Dowell
OFFERING—<i>offering plate in Spurrier Hall</i>	Rev. Timothy Dowell
*DOXOLOGY—<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow</i>	UMH 95
*THE LORD’S PRAYER	UMH 895
*CLOSING HYMN—<i>Take Up Thy Cross</i>	UMH 415
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Timothy Dowell
POSTLUDE MUSIC—<i>Festive Voluntary</i>	by Robert Lau Linda Custer

SCHEDULE	May 3 5 th Sunday of Easter <i>Chancel Choir/Communion</i>	May 10 6 th Sunday of Easter <i>Chancel Choir/Mother’s Day</i>	May 17 Ascension Sunday <i>Bell Choir/Fellowship Time</i>
Liturgist	Pam Flick Nicole Lewis	Wendy Huff David Melton	Bob Bachman Beth Parker
Acolyte	Isabel S.	Knox H.	Grace H.
Greeters	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sun – Apr 26 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 12 - 4 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube The Friendly Thrift Shop Appreciation Luncheon- FH
Mon – Apr 27	1 -3 pm 5:30 - 6:30 pm 5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting– Room 6 Daisy Girl Scout Troop #32238 Meeting– Room 3 Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Apr 28	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8:30 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Christian Education Meeting– CANCELLED
Wed – Apr 29	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Room 8/Sanctuary
Thu – Apr 30	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall
Sat – May 2	7 am – 8 pm 12 pm – 5 pm 1 - 4 pm	Model T Club Parking– Parking Lot Private Party (SS)– Fellowship Hall/Kitchen The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun – May 3 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 3 - 4:30 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Communion- Sanctuary/YouTube Senior Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting– Room 1
Mon – May 4	5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – May 5	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Men’s Group Meeting– Room 6 and via Zoom
Wed – May 6	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Room 8/Sanctuary
Thu – May 7	9 am – 5 pm 6:30 - 9 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- Noah’s Ark Room Poolesville Day Committee Meeting– Room 6 Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

Fri – May 8	12 pm - 3 pm	Infestation Control Quarterly Service– <i>Entire Bldg</i>
Sat – May 9	1 – 4 pm 4 – 8 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry- <i>Onsite</i> PHS Boys Lacrosse Team Banquet– <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sun – May 10 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> (Mother's Day)	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- <i>Rms 2, 3, 4, 6</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8 then Sanctuary</i> Nursery- <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube

Lyrics to Choral Anthem “I Am The Gate” by Frombach/Lantz

I am the gate, you are My sheep.
I am the shepherd; come enter in.
I am the gate, you are My sheep,
I am the shepherd; come follow Me.
Come follow Me, follow Me.

Whoever enters by Me will be saved.
And will come in and find pastures
green,
Will find pastures green.

I am the gate, you are My sheep.
I am the shepherd, come in.

I know My sheep and My sheep know
Me,
just as the Father in heaven knows Me,
And I know the Father, I know the
Father.

I am the gate, you are the sheep.
I am the shepherd, come in.
My love for you is ever so deep.
And I lay down My life for My sheep.
And I lay down My life for My sheep,
I lay down My life for My sheep.

**DAILY
DEVOTIONALS**
from Upper
Room

Mon., April 27 **Romans 6:1-10** *People of Resurrection*

Tue., April 28 **John 6:1-14** *The Little We Offer*

Wed., April 29 **Matthew 6:9-13** *Faith in Uncertainty*

Thu., April 30 **Ezekiel 22:23-30** *In the Gap*

Fri., May 1 **Isaiah 43:14-21** *Green Shoots*

Sat., May 2 **Matthe 6:25-34** *Beat the Train*

Sun., May 3 **Habakkuk 3:16-19** *Yet We Prayed*



Yard Work Help Needed by several church members and at church. Skills/abilities from flower bed weeding to using a small tractor w/6' mower. Some opportunities are volunteer and some paid. To sign up to mow at church see the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall or for all the details contact Shirley at office@pmumc.org or 301-349-2010.

Children's Moment-4th Sunday



Children of all ages learn from Ms. Betty's messages of God's love!

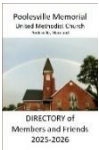


Mowing Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, see Gary Hartz.



See something that needs attention around the church?

Please see Gary Hartz so it can be placed on our task list.



Church Directories are HERE! If you haven't received your copy yet, please contact the office so we can make arrangements to get one to you. Also, it has been discovered that several members' information was deleted accidentally prior to printing. We apologize and will make an addendum to insert. **If you find errors or omissions, please contact the church office at 301-349-2010 or office@pmumc.org.**



Backpack Bites helps feed 35 families in the Poolesville High School Cluster on a weekly basis. Here are ways to help:

- **PACK** – pack and prepare bags each month for delivery to Poolesville Elementary and Monocacy Elementary at Poolesville Presbyterian Church. The next packing date is **May 9 starting at 9am.**
 - **DELIVER** – each Thursday the packed bags need to be picked up at Poolesville Presbyterian and delivered to PES and MES. Sign up to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CA5AC2EA2FB6-58859141-backpack>.
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Review/Preview –

Thursdays at 7pm - Study Sundays' scriptures w/Pastor Tim over Zoom. No prep needed! To connect, email PastorTim@pmumc.org.



Frederick Rescue Mission –

Thank you to those that cooked and served yesterday!

VBS – Mark your calendars!



Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25, from 6-8 each evening.

IF YOU ARE MORE FORTUNATE THAN OTHERS,
It's Better to Build a Longer Table
THAN A TALLER FENCE

Poolesville Seniors! - Open to All (mandatory registration) 301-875-7701

Poolesville
Seniors!

REGULAR EVENTS: Ping Pong, Walking, Seniors at Barre, Pickleball, Tai-Chi, Bridge, Zumba Gold, Knitting & Crocheting Instruction & Support, Trivia Game Night, Mahjong, Country Line Dancing, Chair One Fitness, Trail Hikes, Book Club, Body Sculpting, and much more!

Below is just a sampling - check out www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org to view all!

April 28 – **Hawaiian Luau BINGO** - 1-3 pm

April 30 – **Assets Appreciating While You are Depreciating? IRAs, Gifting and Real Estate Planning** - 2-3 pm



Memorial Day Celebration – The Poolesville American Legion Post's 247 will be conducting a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25 at 12:00 PM on Whalen Commons in Poolesville.

All are welcome to attend to honor those Western Montgomery County residents, as well as all of our country's service members, who died in battle to preserve the United States of America and our liberties.



Are you or someone you know interested in Meals on Wheels? Contact WUMCO for more information at 301-972-8481 or info@wumcohelp.org. **To qualify** you need to

be a **local** (20837, 20838, 20839, 20841, 20842) **Senior** (60+) that **cannot leave home easily** and are **unable to cook for yourself or have no one available to assist with meal preparation**. An intake interview with a WUMCO representative is required to assess needs.



What does a Certified Lay Minister do? They serve in

local churches, assisting pastors. Sometimes, they are assigned by a district superintendent to provide pastoral leadership in small congregations. They preach the Word, provide care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, and serve as witnesses in the community to further the growth and mission. They are usually a part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person. There are four major components in the formation of these leaders, which include training, supervision, support, and accountability. Applications are now being accepted. Visit www.bwcumc.org/certified-lay-ministers/ to learn more and for the application package. The application deadline is July 1. The cohort will start in September and is a two-year commitment.

Poolesville Memorial's



PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

CHANCEL CHOIR - Janet Hartz (Director), Linda Custer (Accompanist), Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Wendy Huff, Amanda Lyon, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Roger Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller, Madelon Stone

BELL CHOIR - Becky Smalley (Director), Linda Custer, Jennifer Fielder, Jim Hardter, Janet Hartz, Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

ACOLYTES - Kirsten Lewis(Coord.), Grace H., Knox H., Nicole L. (Head Acolyte), Sam L., Isabel S.

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD- Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (Alt)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Betty King

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Jenny Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton (Coordinator), Nicole Lewis, Kevin Schramm

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

CUSTODIAN - Ximenia "Patricia" Murdock

EVENT MONITOR - Linda Self

NURSERY - Cynthia Cook, Stephanie Parker, Julie Seger

OFFICE INFO

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 12-3pm, and by appointment

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Voicemails are sent electronically to emails

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email PastorTim@PMUMC.org

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

(last 8 weeks)

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GIVING

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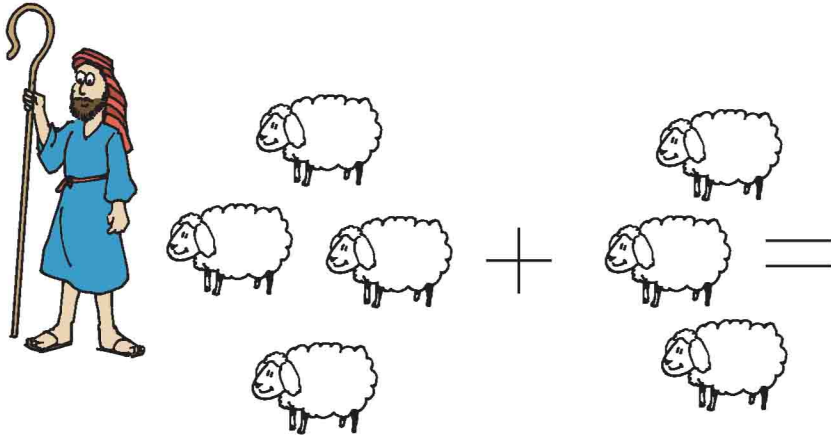
- **ENTERING/EXITING WORSHIP** - Place in Offering Plate in Spurrier Hall
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **SEND ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

PURPOSE



God's goodness and love
will follow us always.

How many sheep are following the shepherd?
Trace the numbers. Trace the word.



$$4 + 3 = 7$$

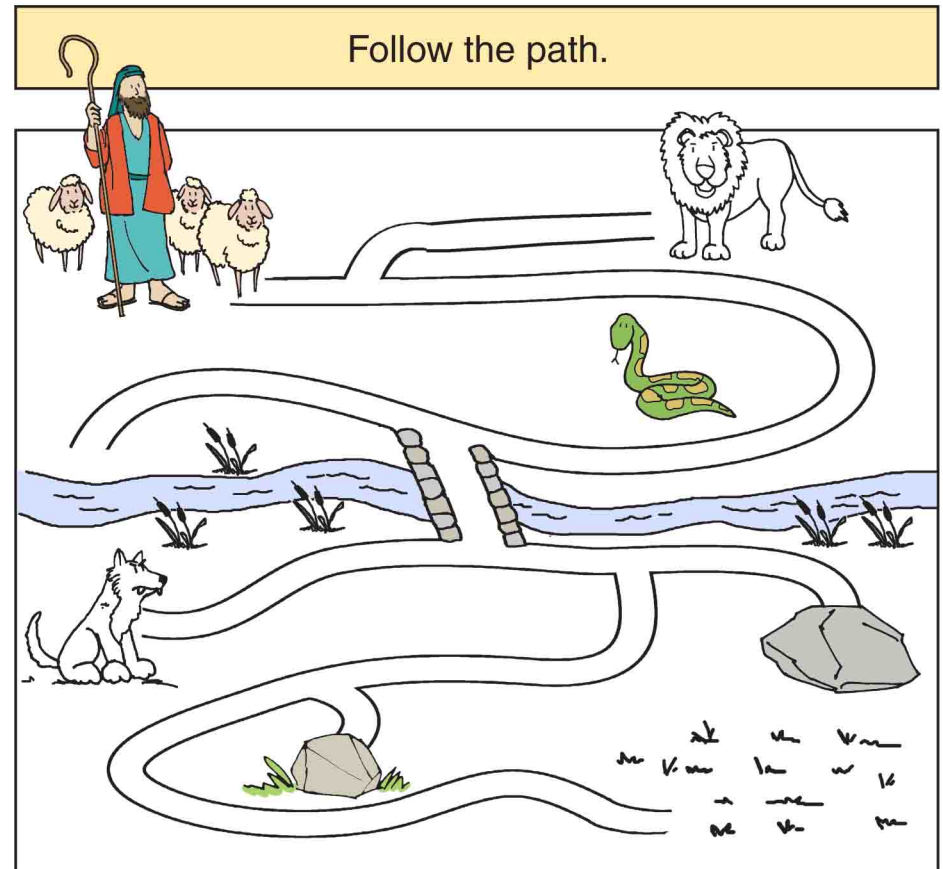
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The Lord Is Our Shepherd

The Lord is our shepherd.
He guides us in good paths.

Follow the path.

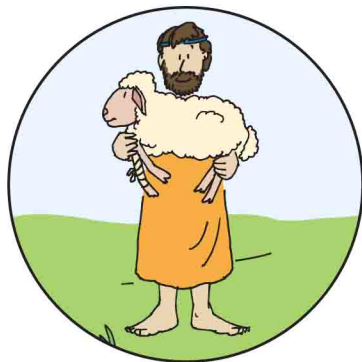
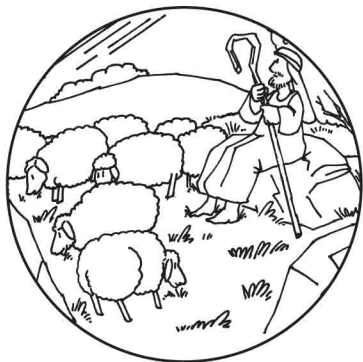
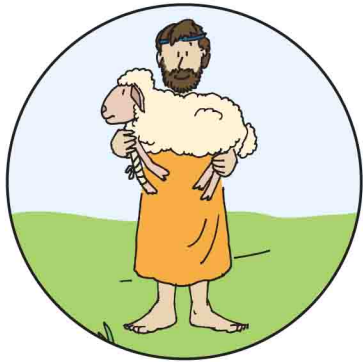
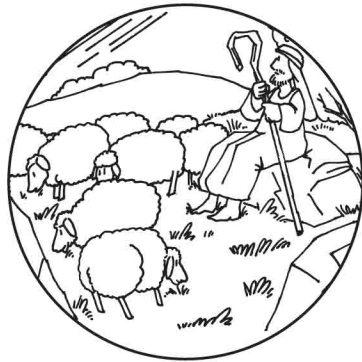


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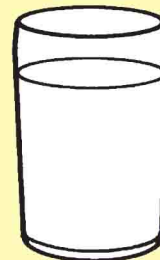
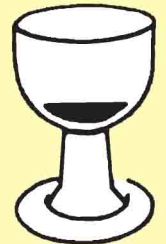
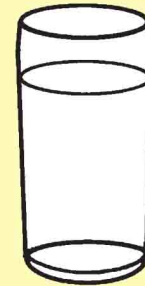
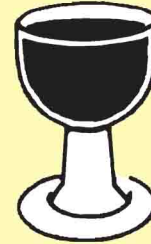
God's rod and staff comfort us.

Match the pictures.



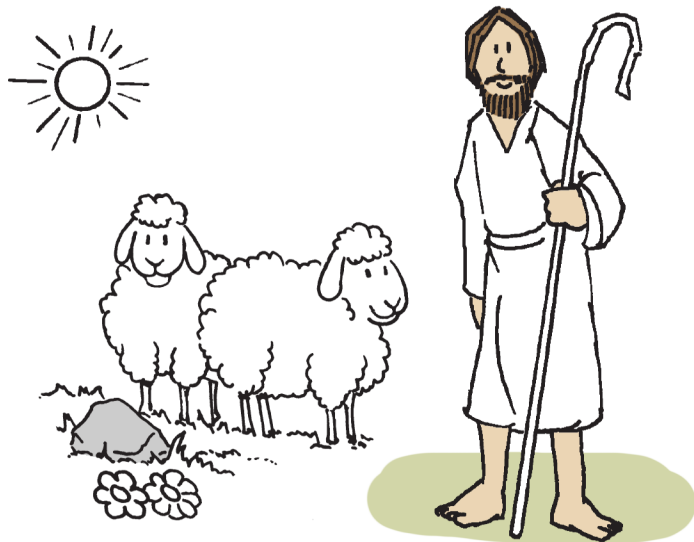
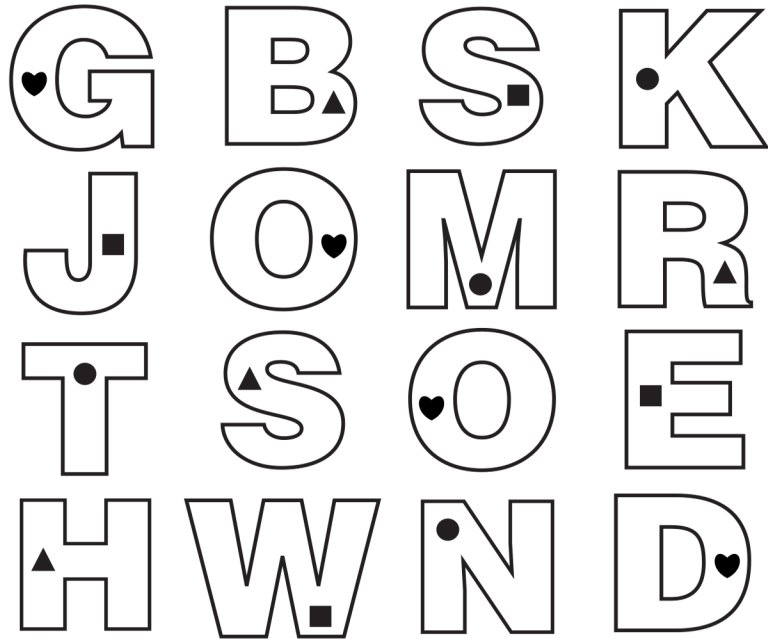
God prepares a table before us.
Our cup is full.

Circle the cups that are full.



What kind of Shepherd is Jesus?

Shade in the letters that have a ♥.



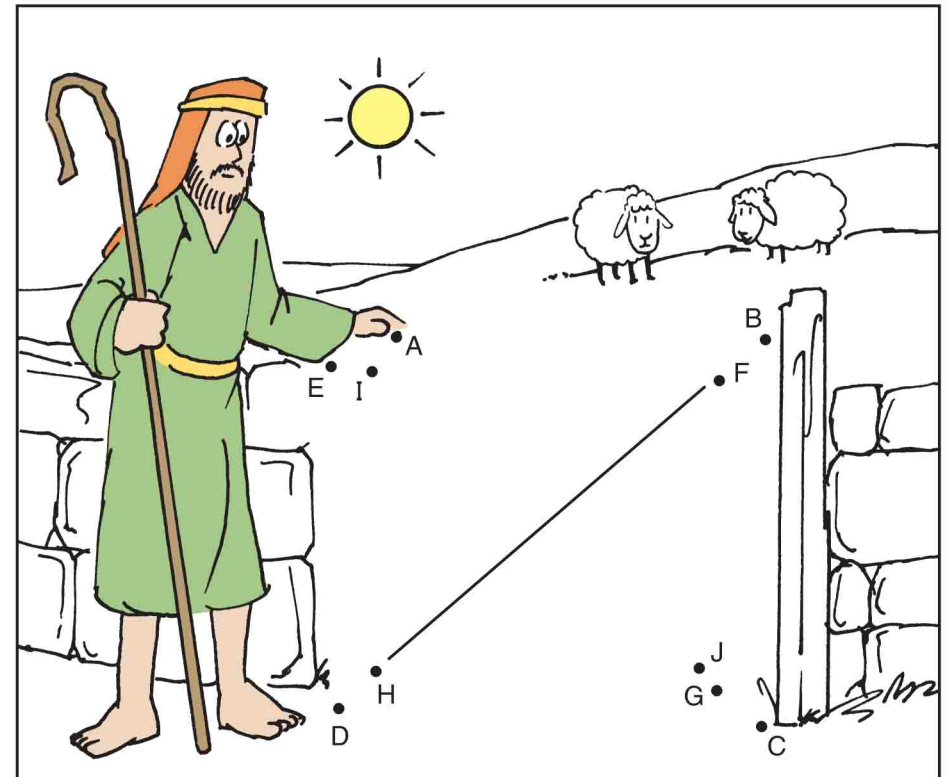
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The Good Shepherd

The shepherd enters by the gate.

Connect the dots: A B C D E F G H I J

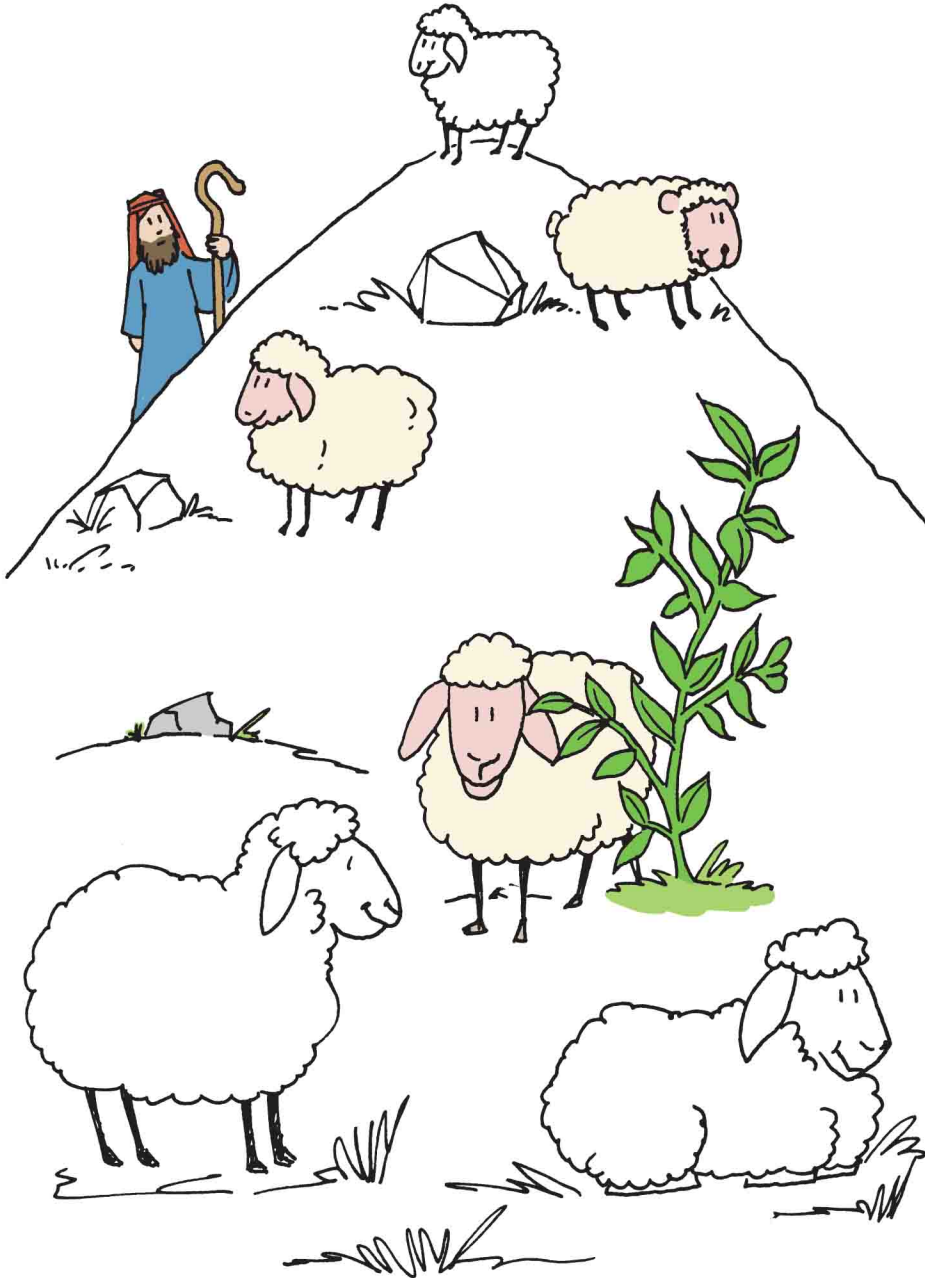


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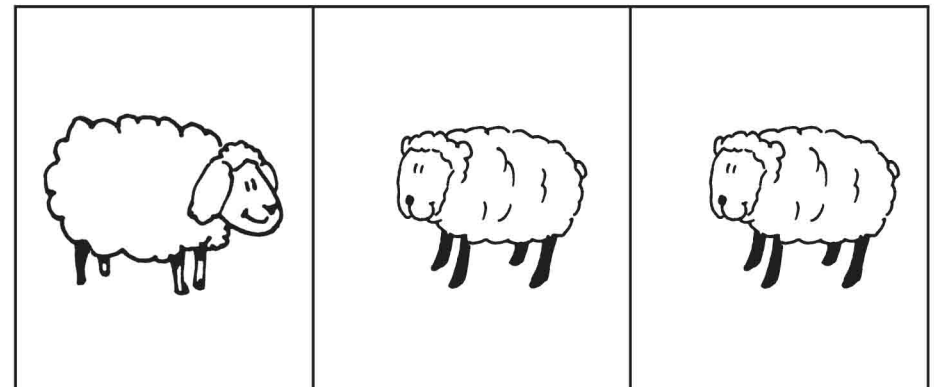
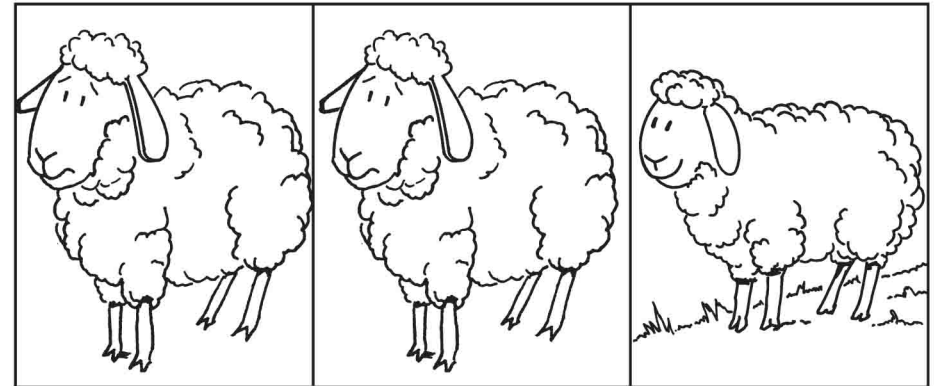
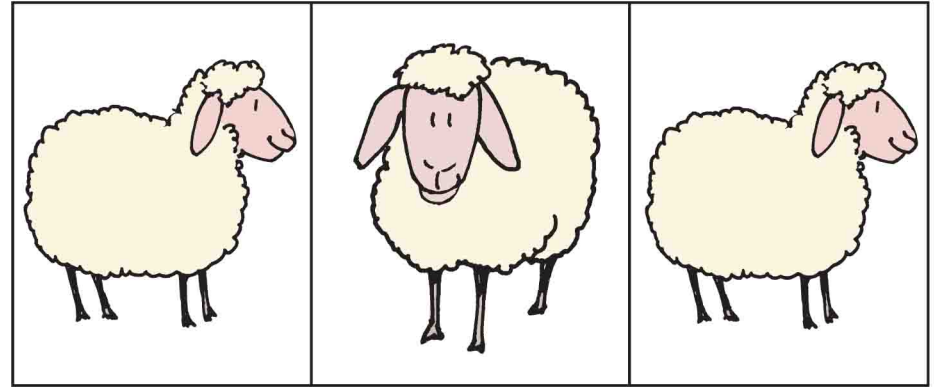
The sheep listen to the shepherd.

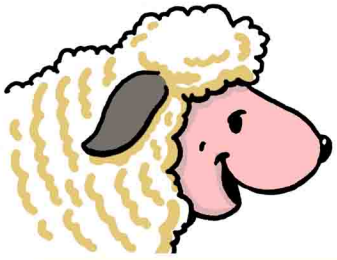
Count how many sheep. 6 or 7 ?



The shepherd knows each sheep by name.

Circle the matching sheep in each row.





What words of encouragement and comfort does the psalmist end with?

Solve the math problems and then write the words on the lines to read what the psalmist says.

Math problems on rocks:

- I: $13 + 3$
- me: $24 - 7$
- my: $20 - 6$
- the: $6 + 5$
- all: $5 + 3$
- of: $6 - 5$
- and: $5 - 3$
- goodness: $6 + 6$
- Lord: $9 + 6$
- dwelt: $8 - 3$
- house: $4 + 6$
- love: $3 + 4$
- in: $14 - 8$
- will: $10 + 11$
- follow: $2 + 2$
- Surely: $11 - 2$
- days: $15 + 4$
- forever: $6 + 7$
- life: $9 - 6$

“ _____ 9 _____ 12 _____ 2 _____
 _____ 7 _____ 21 _____ 4 _____ 17 _____
 _____ 8 _____ 11 _____ 19 _____ 1 _____ 14 _____
 _____ 3 _____ 2 _____ 16 _____ 21 _____ 5 _____
 _____ 6 _____ 11 _____ 10 _____ 1 _____ 11 _____
 _____ 15 _____ 13 _____ ”

The Lord Is Our Shepherd

The psalmist praised God for His care and protection. How does the psalmist say that?

Color the sheep with black ears. Find the right word order for the other sheep, writing the words in the blanks.

Words on sheep backs:

- shepherd, want, my, shall, danger, wolf, is, isn't, I, not, in, The, be, hungry, farmer, Lord

Sentence with blanks:

“ _____ ”

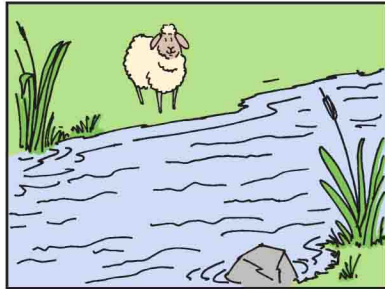
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God's goodness is like a shepherd's care for sheep.
 What does the psalmist say about God's care?

Fit the words from the list into the spaces.
 Then draw a line from the descriptions to the matching pictures.

lie sake makes paths beside waters
 soul leads green names guides pastures

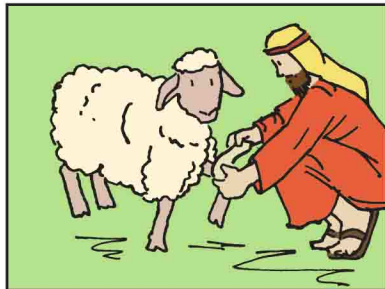
"He _____
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 in _____
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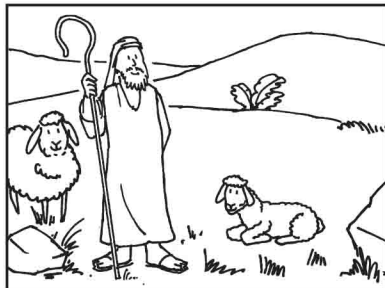
"He _____ me
 _____ quiet
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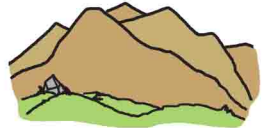
"He restores my
 _____."



"He _____
 me in _____ of
 righteousness for His
 _____."



The psalmist says, "Even though I
 walk through the valley of the shadow
 of death, I will fear no evil." Why is this?



Complete the clues and use the numbers to fill in the letters.

Animals similar to big dogs

1 2 3 4 5 6

Strong and powerful

7 8 9 10 11 12

One human being, a ...

13 14 15 16 17 18

A battle that is lost ends in ...

19 20 21 22 23 24

A metal latch for a belt or shoe

25 26 27 28 29 30

"... 21 2 15 12 17 26 23 15 5 1 8 24 10
 _____;
 7 20 12 17 26 15 15 2 19 23 18 19
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 12 17 26 15 6 11 23 21 21 24 10 22 12

 27 2 7 21 17 15 24 7 30 12 2 26

 13 15 30 13 23 15 5 23 24 23 25 29 22

 25 5 21 17 15 5 7 20 8 18 11 10 22

 13 15 30 6 5 18 27 20 17 21 7 12

 5 18 30 7 8 22 16 12 2 26

 23 18 17 8 18 11 7 12 10 30 23 19
 _____;
 1 8 24 10 17 8 29 7 12 27 26 13
 _____."
 17 4 30 15 21 3 2 1 6



Find John 10:9. Follow the arrows through the letters.

W	O	E	V	E
E	H	G	R	E
T	A	E	E	N
M	T	H	R	T
A	H	T	S	H
I	R	U	G	M
B	O	W	E	A
L	I	E	S	V
L	B	T	D	E

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The Good Shepherd

Jesus told His followers a story.

Connect the dots and read part of the story.

the 18 sheep 19 but 25

enter 17

pen 20 gate, 23

climbs 26 in 27 some 31

not 16 by 21 the 22

does 11 who 10

12 14

13 5

6 truth, 7 the 8 man

3 you 4 the

2 tell 1 I

28 29 by 30 32 other 33

37 thief 36 a

38 39 and 40 a

35 is 34 way,

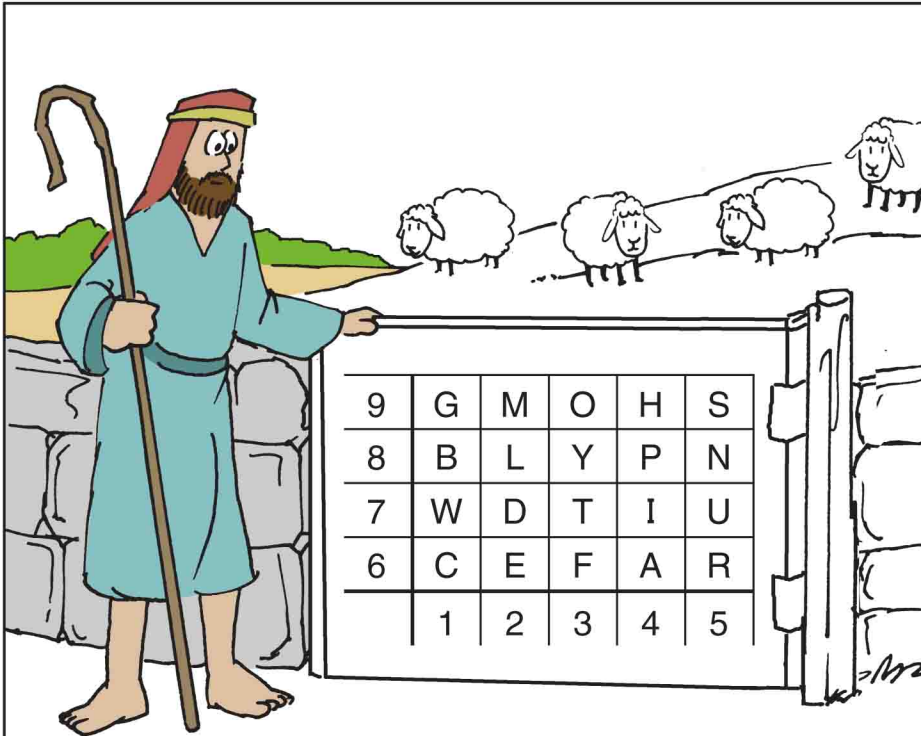
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What else did Jesus say?

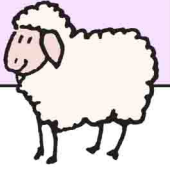
Use the code to fill in the blanks.



“
 3,7 4,9 2,6 2,9 4,6 5,8 1,7 4,9 3,9
 2,6 5,8 3,7 2,6 5,6 5,9 1,8 3,8 3,7 4,9 2,6
 1,9 4,6 3,7 2,6 4,7 5,9 3,7 4,9 2,6
 5,9 4,9 2,6 4,8 4,9 2,6 5,6 2,7 3,9 3,6
 4,9 4,7 5,9 5,9 4,9 2,6 2,6 4,8
 ”

Jesus said the watchman opens the gate for the shepherd of the sheep and the sheep listen to the shepherd's voice.

On each line, write the letter that comes next in the alphabet. You will find more words of Jesus.



“
 G D B Z K K R G H R
 N V M R G D D O A X
 M Z L D Z M C K D Z C R
 S G D L N T S G D
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