

**Sodus United Third Methodist Church Welcomes You**  
**May 11, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**“Fourth Sunday of Easter”**  
**“Good Shepherd Sunday”**

**We Gather to Be the Church in Worship**  
**! indicates to please stand if you are able**

Prelude/Gathering:

Receiving the Light of Christ into our Sanctuary:

Announcements: **“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY”**

Call To Discipleship:

L: The God of day and darkness moves among us..

**P: We are the people of Living Water.**

L: The God of hope and promise lives among us..

**P: We are the people of Living Water.**

L: The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name..

**P: We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation,  
God’s kin, traveling toward home and a love that will not let us  
go.**

**! Hymn of Praise: “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”**  
**UMH #304**

*A Mother’s Day Tribute*

*Dale Davis*

Morning Prayer: (In Unison..)

**Holy One of the morning, we come together to remember  
who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of  
your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to  
nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when  
you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us  
once again in your life-giving waters, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**L: The Lord be with you.**

**P: And also, with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**P: Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the  
work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your Word we  
may receive new life, Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Acts 9:36-43

*Liturgist*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (p. 754, UM Hymnal)

*Liturgist*

**! Gloria Patri: (In Unison..)**

**UMH #70**

**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, amen.**

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

*Liturgist*

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**! Hymn of Preparation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**UMH #474**

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

*Dale Davis*

**Time For Mature Disciples:  
“Shepherding Love”**

Preparing to give Tithes and Best Offerings: (In Unison..)

God, you have delivered us from hunger and from thirst by the fruits of your creation. The gifts you have given overflow before us. In return, we offer these gifts back to you, and back to those who suffer from ecological degradation and climate change. May the gifts we give enable the building of the healed world envisioned in Revelation, Amen.

God's Epiphanies in Our Lives: Moments of Grace  
Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer: (In Unison): Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come...**

! Hymn: Cares Chorus TFWS #2215

! Hymn: "Close to Thee" UMH #407

! **Closing Prayer: (In Unison..)**

O God, we thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who leads us safely through life's journey. May we always listen to his voice, follow his example, and find rest in his care. Grant us the strength to love and serve one another, as he loved us, Amen

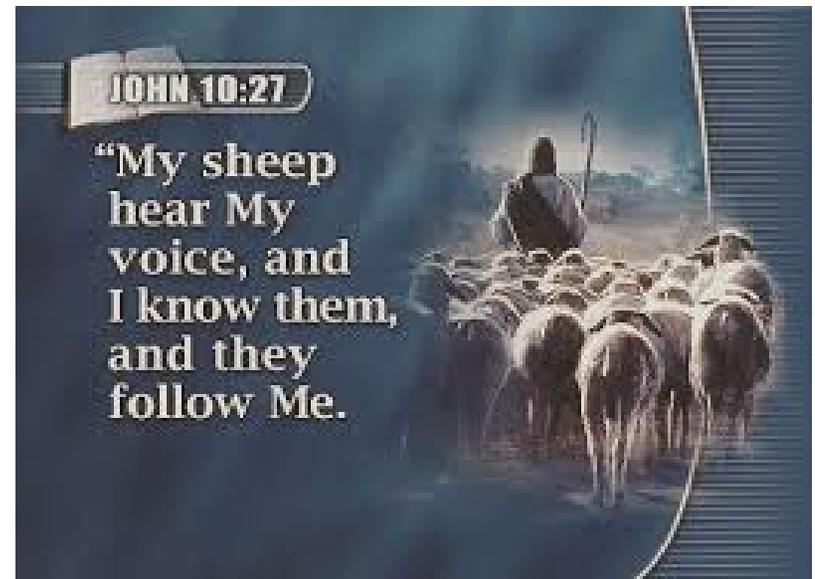
! **Benediction with Blessings:**

God's hand holds us fast and will never let us go. Let us leave this place in sure and certain faith that we swim in the love of our Creator, to the east, the west, above us, below us, and within us. Go in peace and in love, Amen.

Taking the Light of Christ Out of Our Sanctuary:

Postlude: "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH #176

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Celebrates  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
"Good Shepherd Sunday"  
May 11, 2025**



**Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?**

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When sharing a prayer concern or information of someone in need of a pastoral visit, please provide me with their contact information, and I will pass along to Rev. David B. Herrmann (315-460-6758) or Pastor Linda Glantz. Thank You!

Name:  
Address:  
Phone Number:  
Email Address:

Please include your contact information in case Rev. David B. Herrmann or Pastor Linda Glantz should need to contact you for clarification.

**Responsive Reading:**

**Psalm 23**

L: 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**P: 2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

L: 2 leads me beside still waters,

L: 3 restores my life,

**P: 3 leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.**

L: 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

**P: 4 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**L and P: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.**

L: 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**P: 5 you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

L: 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**P: 6 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

**L and P: The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly!!**

## *To The Christian Woman*

***Be a Mary Magdalene*** – Never forget where Jesus brought you from. Your testimony has power. Stay close to Him, and let your life reflect the grace you've received.

***Be an Esther*** – Stand up for truth, even when it's scary. God placed you where you are for such a time as this. Your courage could change everything – be brave. He'll give you strength.

***Be a Ruth*** – Remain faithful even when the path is uncertain. Loyalty and love can speak louder than words. Trust God's hand even when you can't see the full picture. He is working behind the scenes.

***Be a Mary*** – Stay humble and say yes to God's call, even when it doesn't make sense. You don't have to have all the answers – just a heart that is willing and surrendered.

## *Interesting Facts*

- **Good Shepherd Sunday:**

This day, also known as the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is traditionally when the Gospel passage about Jesus as the Good Shepherd is read. This passage, found in John 10:1-21, depicts Jesus as a shepherd who cares for, protects, and lays down his life for his sheep.

- **Mother's Day:**

Mother's Day, observed on the second Sunday of May, is a day to honor and celebrate the love and care of mothers and other maternal figures.

- **Coincidence:**

In 2025, these two observances fall on the same day, creating a unique opportunity to reflect on the parallels between the nurturing and protective roles of mothers and the Good Shepherd.

- **Worship and Reflection:**

Many churches will incorporate themes of both Good Shepherd Sunday and Mother's Day into their worship services, acknowledging the love, care, and protection that mothers and Jesus offer.

