

*March 11, 2025*  
*Vespers in the Second Week of Lent*  
*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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PSALM

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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

*Sit*

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

*LSB 740*

FIRST READING

*Genesis 30:25–43*

As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you. Name your wages, and I will give it." Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." Laban said, "Good! Let it be as you have said." But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks. He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock. Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

*John 10:16–21*

[Jesus said:] And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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Postlude

**Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule**

March 18—April 8	Soup Supper	6:30PM (SB)
March 18—April 8	Tuesday Lenten Vespers	7:30PM (WC)
April 13	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast	8-11AM (BC)
April 17	Maundy Thursday Divine Service	7PM (BC)
April 18	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers	7:30PM (BC)
April 19	Easter Vigil	7PM (BC)
April 20	Easter Sunrise Matins	6AM (outside BC)
April 20	Easter Sunday Divine Services	9AM & 11AM (BC)