



HENTY LUTHERAN PARISH

4th Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2020 #17



On shepherds and sheep.

Shepherds in biblical times worked much differently than our farmers today. The shepherd had an intimate knowledge of the sheep. The shepherd was deeply interested in every single one of his flock. Some of them may have been given pet names because of incidents connected with them.

The shepherd would usually count each of his sheep in the evening as they enter the fold, but sometimes shepherds dispensed with the counting, because he was able to feel the absence of any one of his sheep. With one sheep gone, something is felt to be missing from the appearance of the entire flock.

One shepherd in the Lebanon district was asked if he always counted his sheep each evening. He replied in the negative, and then was asked how then he knew if all his sheep were present. This was his reply: "Master, if you were to put a cloth over my eyes, and bring me any sheep and only let me put hands on its face, I could tell in a moment if it was mine or not."

Even today, a shepherd delights to give names to certain of his sheep, and if his flock is not too large, all of his sheep may be named. The shepherd knows them by their individual characteristics. He names them by their colour, if they have stripes, or based on any other physical uniqueness. These shepherds have an intimate and tender knowledge of his flock.

But no shepherd ever had a more intimate knowledge of his sheep than JESUS our great Shepherd has of those who belong to His flock. Jesus said, *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep* (John 10:14-15).

Memory Verse of the Week

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4

Prayer Points

World - for those who are disadvantaged or excluded from fair treatment because of their faith in God

Australia - for our Prime Minister, leaders and decision makers, that they would have clear minds and good health; for all who are working from home or supervising children's schooling, for all health care workers and essential workers; for all Australians as the restrictions are gradually lifted that we would all act with common sense and do what is expected of us not putting others at risk

Church - for Sahat Simanullang (*Nuritalia, Paskalis, Givendiau*) Indonesian Yagoona

Parish - for the regenerating and refreshing rain that we have received this past week

Henty - for all members and friends including Ross & Heather Edwards, Colin, Ruth, Megan & Scott Eulenstein, Leigh, Lucinda, Claire & Max Eulenstein, Dean, Karen, Mikaela, Rowan & Sophie Fisher/Cuthbert, Rodney & Helen Gabriel

Culcairn - for all members and friends including Ian, Maxine & Natasha Spalding, Ivan & Rona Stoll, Lynette Taylor, Andrew, Stacey Mitchell & Riley Turner, Brian & Glenys Watson, Gwen Whitehead

Pleasant Hills - for all members and friends including Wayne, Anne, Brittany, Alana & Chloe Scholz

Culcairn

1) Rosters: 10th May (*white*)

Cleaners: Maxine Spalding

Grounds: Warren & Stan Scheetz



Henty

2) Rosters: 10th May (*white*)

Cleaning: J Stein, D Knobel, J Lieschke, S Klemke, T Corrigan

Grounds: J Kilo, B Davidson, Stephen Bahr



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