

"ALIVE AND ANEW IN THE LIVING SHEPHERD!"
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 25, 2021
ACTS 4:5-12; 1 JOHN 3:16-24; JOHN 10:11-18

Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

How do you get from “here” to “there”? Can you always see where you are going? If you are unfamiliar with where you are going, are you able to follow someone who knows the way? Does verbal direction and warning from another help, or would you not listen any way? Holding someone’s hand is a great way to feel security, but not always possible. Maybe, others are nudging you, herding you, carrying you? As Jesus is risen, and risen indeed, trust He is here to shepherd you, to lead you, to raise you up, to be alive and anew in living grace. The Good Shepherd is here for you. What if you still get lost? What if where he is leading you feels unfamiliar? What if you only hear his voice once in a while? Trust The Risen Savior is alive leading you anew where you have been led before, right into the mighty grace-filled arms and care of The Good and Living Shepherd!

1. We are alive and anew in living grace, to go where we see The Risen Shepherd leading us. Acts 4:7-12; 1 John 3:16; John 10:11-13
 - A. Even when you do not know where you are going, it helps if you can at least see The Risen and Living Shepherd.
 - B. Sometimes it is hard to see the leader. At times like these, there is reassurance in following others who can clearly see The Risen Shepherd. They keep their eyes on The Risen Shepherd and you keep your eyes on them.
 - C. The Risen and Living Shepherd always has his eyes on you!

2. We are alive and anew in grace, to go where we hear The Risen and Living Shepherd calling out to us. 1 John 3:23; John 10:11, 14-18
 - A. You know whose voice is whose. Listen to The Risen Shepherd!
 - B. If you need to, ask Him to speak up. If you need to, listen more carefully. If you need to, ask another sheep what Jesus is telling them. If you need to, make all else as quiet as possible.
 - C. The Risen and Living Shepherd will forever speak to you, and call you by name.

3. We are alive and anew in living grace, to go along, to go where pulled, nudged, carried if necessary, by The Risen and Living Shepherd.
Acts 4:12; 1 John 3:17-18; John 10:13-14
 - A. Feel the touch of The Risen Shepherd.
 - B. Feel The Risen Shepherd taking hold of you and carrying you.
 - C. Feel those following The Risen Shepherd, nudging you along
 - D. May you feel The Risen Shepherd when you feel all alone.

4. Psalm 23; Acts 4:12; 1 John 3:24; John 10:11,18 - We are all alive and anew in living grace, to get from “here” to “there,” from us to The Risen Shepherd, from the world to The Risen Shepherd, from one green pasture to The Greenest Pasture of them all, from `what was` to `What Is.` When you stray on your spiritual journey, The Risen Shepherd, The Good Shepherd, The Best Shepherd, The Living Shepherd, is always there. By the way, how did you get “here”? Trust, follow, go where you are led, for you are alive and anew in living grace, thanks to The One who shepherds you, The One who is faithful, The One who is risen, and risen indeed! Alleluia!