

St. John 10:1-13, 27, 28 The Message

The Good Shepherd and His sheep

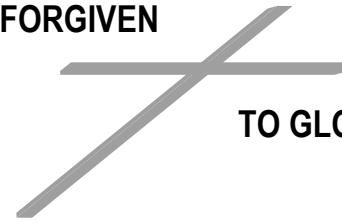
10 ¹⁻⁵ “Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he’s up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won’t follow a stranger’s voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.”

⁶⁻¹⁰ Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So, he tried again. “I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

¹¹ “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He’s only in it for the money. The sheep don’t matter to him.

^{27, 28} My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand.

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Sunday 26th April 2026 10:30 am

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone!!!**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Open our eyes Lord” **SB #63**

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “God is here” **SB #19**

Prayer, and the Lord's prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. John 10:1-13, 27, 28

Message: “Listening to Jesus our Good Shepherd”

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: **“Praise God from Whom”** **BP #603**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Nothing but the blood of Jesus”

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Sanctuary” **SB #44**

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – WRHN Queen's Blvd.

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Anneleise Kramer – Briarfield Gardens Retirement Home

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

Sunday School 2025 – 2026:

Our regular bi-weekly Sunday School dates for 2026 are:

26th April; 10th & 24th May; 07th & 21st June.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year.

Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

Book Sale at KEPC: Saturday 06th June 2026

We are collecting gently used books for a used book sale in June. Please consider donating any gently used books you have that you no longer want. Donations are being accepted now. Thank you for your support. The Mission and Outreach Team.

Leading With Care: KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

2025 Income Tax Receipts: are in your hanging files for your pick-up.

Here is the KEPC March financial summary:

We had a surplus of almost \$700 for the month and now have a shortfall year to date of a little over \$10,500. It's still early in the year & we will continue to update everyone in the coming months

Thanks for your financial support of KEPC.
Finance & Stewardship Team

Events This Week: 26th April – 03rd May 2026

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, & Conversation in the Gray Hall.
- Monday:** 4 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
7:30 – 9:30 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 9:30 – 11:30 am Bible study this week via Zoom; & in person in the McLean Fireside room.
12 – 6:30 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
- Wednesday:** 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week
- Friday:** 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
1 pm – Marjorie Gilliland's Celebration of Life at Memory Gardens
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – KEPC 39th Anniversary Worship Service; Coffee, cake & Conversation in the Gray Hall.

Women of Worship: The next meeting of WOW will be on **SATURDAY 23rd MAY 2026 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)**, from 10:00 - Noon. Marg Fannon will be joining us to share with us some of her adventures from her many travels. Marg has done a lot of travelling, so I am sure she will have many interesting things to tell us about. As always, all ladies of KEPC are welcome. It is always a fun time of togetherness and conversation. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne Aitken at aitkenj09@gmail.com or 519-886-6559. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

VBS at KEPC this summer:

Dates are Monday 06th – Friday 10th July 2026,
9am-noon. The theme is Rainforest Falls.

