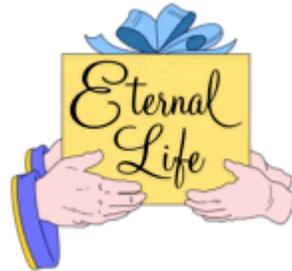


***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***



April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalms 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30



Guaranteed Forever. Object: A product which carries a lifetime guarantee. Some that come to mind are Tupperware®, Rubbermaid®, Craftsman® hand tools.

Last week I went to the store and bought a new hammer. Do you know why I bought this particular hammer? It is because it is guaranteed forever. The guarantee on this hammer says, "If this tool ever fails to provide complete satisfaction, return it for free repair or replacement."

That is great, isn't it? If I ever break this hammer, all I have to do is take it back to the store and they will either fix it or give me a new hammer.

Wait a minute! What if I lose my hammer? This guarantee doesn't say that they will replace the hammer if I lose it. What if someone steals it? I guess if I lose my hammer, or someone breaks into my garage and steals it, I'm out of luck.

Wouldn't it be great if something was guaranteed to last forever — and was guaranteed that you couldn't lose it and nobody could steal it? Well, there is!

Jesus has promised everlasting life to those who trust and believe in him. Listen to his guarantee!

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never die!"

Is it guaranteed that no one can steal it? It sure is!

Jesus said, "No one can snatch them out of my hand."

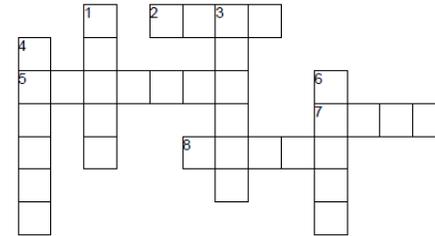
Eternal life that you can't lose and no one can take it away. That's a guarantee that no one can match!

Dear Father, we thank you for your guarantee of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia (John 10:14)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. The period between a person's birth and their death
- 5. Lasting forever, never ending
- 7. The body part used for holding things
- 8. Sounds that come from the throat when people speak or sing

DOWN

- 1. To take something without permission
- 3. To move behind someone or something and go where they go
- 4. To die or pass away
- 6. Woolly animals closely related to goats

ETERNAL	FOLLOW	VOICE	LIFE
PERISH	STEAL	SHEEP	HAND

HAND AND HEART DRAWING: Provide the children with art supplies to trace their own hand on a piece of paper and then have them draw a large red heart around the hand. Let each child color and decorate their hand and heart drawing and hang it with a ribbon. Children may wish to write on the hearts - JESUS HOLDS US SAFELY IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

HAND VERSE: Let each child trace another child's hand. Then the children will write today's Bible verse up and down and around on the fingers of the traced hand. Lightly color the hands and encourage the children to display their Bible Verse hands in their room.





My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
no one can snatch them out of my hand.
John 10:27-28 (NIV)