

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- APRIL 21, 2024

# GOD KNOWS YOUR NAME?

*(John 10:1-8)*

INTRODUCTION: *Tax forms & other  
“nameless number games”...*

## I. JESUS SAID – HE IS OUR SHEPHERD & KNOWS US BY NAME

- A. A word of comfort: You are intimately known & loved by God (John 10:11,14)
- B. A word of challenge: Reach out to sheep not yet safely in the flock (v.16)
- C. The church does not exist just to “throw a party for ourselves” each Sunday

## II. JESUS SAID – “*I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP*”

- A. A word of comfort: Jesus’ death is our life (John 10:11-15)
- B. A word of challenge: We are not to be “hired hands” who care only for ourselves (vv. 12-13)
- C. Imagine how our church & any church would be revitalized when we see ourselves NOT as hired hands but as Jesus’ under shepherds for the sake of other sheep
- D. Consider the image: *Two children safe with you on the beach & one child drowning in the waves...*
- E. **Two simple requests today:**
  - 1. **Ask God to lay on your heart the name of 1 person to reach out to in Jesus’ name**
  - 2. **Do it**

CONCLUSION: *My trip to a Life Lab without my health card # .....  
[You’re not just a # ... God knows your name!]*