

✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter ✠

April 25–26, 2026

✠ The Office of Vespers: 5:00 pm ✠

✠ The Office of Matins: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am ✠

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

O God, Your Son is the Shepherd of Your people. Grant that, when we hear His call, we will know His voice and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

(8:00, 11:00) **Choral Introit**

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep” *Philip Ledger*

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand, None can pluck me from Thy hand.

I would praise Thee every day, Gladly all Thy will obey,
Like Thy blessed ones above Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest I would go, Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before my Father’s throne I shall know as I am known.

Jane Leeson

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” *LSB 463*

(9:30) **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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✠ **June Elaine Janasik** ✠

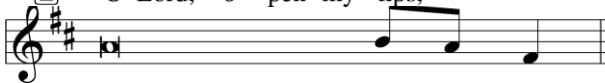
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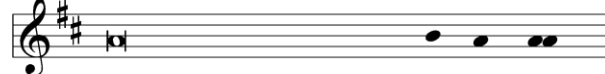
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon

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L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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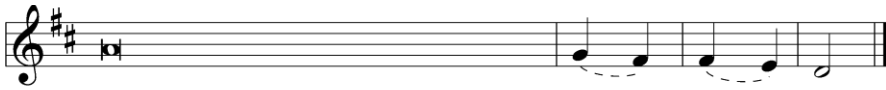
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon

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L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Readings

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

(5:00, 9:30) **Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 23

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- C** I shall not want.
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- C** He leads me beside still waters.
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
- C** Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
C **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(8:00, 11:00) **Psalmody – Psalm 23** (*Sung by choir*)

Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

“I Am Jesus' Little Lamb” *LSB 740*

Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

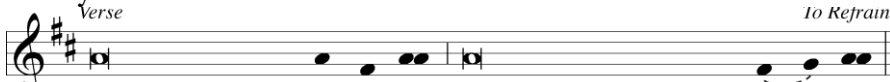
So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

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L 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(8:00, 11:00) Children’s Message

Office Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB 709

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Sermon

“The Flock That Follows” 1 Peter 2:19–25

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offering (received during Canticle)

(5:00, 9:30) **Canticle**

“Splendor and Honor” *LSB 950*

(8:00, 11:00) **Choral Canticle**

“Jubilate Deo” *Benjamin Britten*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation. *Psalms 100*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord’s Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

† Thanksgiving for the 19th wedding anniversary of Cal and Sonja Stemme (April 25).

Concluding Collect

P O God, Your infinite love restores to the right way those who err, seeks the scattered, and preserves those whom You have gathered. Of Your tender mercy, pour out on Your faithful people the grace of unity, that, all schisms being ended, Your flock may be

gathered to the true Shepherd of Your Church and may serve You in all faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(11:00) Sermon

“The Flock That Follows” 1 Peter 2:19–25

Benedicamus

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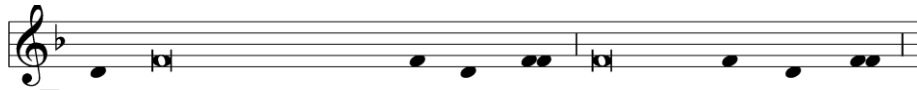
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” LSB 666

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Preacher

Liturgist

Assisting Seminarrians

Pastor Wade

(8:00, 11:00) Pastor Schudde

(5:00) Micah Cumming

(8:00) Jacob Diercks

(9:30) Paul Blessing

(11:00) Jordan Fasnacht

(Saturday) Tom Nummela

(Sunday) Kantor Gerhardt

Organist

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The Service of Holy Baptism

The Invocation

The Scripture and Holy Gospel

The Lord's Prayer

The Address to Parents and Sponsors

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith



- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
C **I do renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.**

The Baptism

The Gift of the Candle

The candle given to the child is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the "light of the world." Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their "light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven."

The Prayer

The Welcome

- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.**

The Blessing

- C** **Amen.**

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