

Sunday & Monday April 26th & 27th, 2026



**HE LIVES TO BE MY
GOOD SHEPHERD**



St. Paul
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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He lives to be my shepherd. I have the reliable direction of the Good Shepherd. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from the roaring lion, Satan. He is leading us into the green pastures of eternal life. Join us for worship this week as we honor our Good Shepherd!

Service Setting 3, CW p. 188

Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd

CW 553

Stand

Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. 1, 2, 5



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 ⁂ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
 pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
 tend me all my days; oh, may his house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 my a - bode and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
 There would I find a set - tled rest while

I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
 still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
 oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest but like a child at home.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

St. Peter calls on us to follow our Shepherd and Overseer even if it means we will suffer for doing good.

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
 and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who

judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

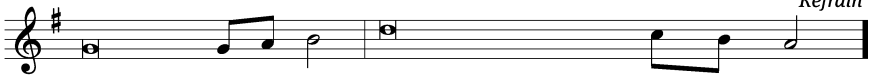
Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Refrain



Tone



I am the good shep - herd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

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Gospel & Sermon Text

John 10:1-10

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the gate through which we enter the green pastures of salvation.

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters

through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552

Sermon

Pastor Matt Holtz

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering & WELS Connection

Hymn (*10:30 Soloist sings v. 1 & ref.*)

The Lord's My Shepherd

CW 554

Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn (10:30 Sunday School sings v. 1)

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

CW 804

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8:00 a.m. Team Abitz; AV: tbd

10:30 a.m. Team Blob; AV: tbd

6:00 p.m. Team Hoh