

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026**

**Land Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nations

**Responsive Call to Worship**

God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

**God, you are with us!**

God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

**God, restore our souls!**

God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

**God, we will not be afraid! God, our Shepherd, we praise you for your goodness and mercy with us every day.**

**Hymn 11 The Lord's my shepherd**

**1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.**

**He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**

**2. My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness  
even for his own name's sake.**

**3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill,  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.**

**4. My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint  
and my cup overflows.**

**5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.**

## **Prayer of Praise (*minister*)**

### **Hymn 691 My shepherd is the King of love**

- 1. My shepherd is the King of love  
whose goodness fails me never.  
for all things good from God above  
restore my soul forever.**
- 2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul is guided,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with heavenly food provided**
- 3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love you sought me,  
and on your shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
- 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
your rod and staff my comfort still,  
your cross before to guide me.**
- 5. You spread a table in my sight;  
anointing grace bestowing,  
and oh, what rapture of delight;  
your cup is overflowing.**
- 6. And so through all the length of days,  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever.**

## **Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)**

**Forgive us, O God, for the times when we fail to reach out and accompany those who are going through difficult times; those who feel imprisoned in a valley of shadows and find themselves overwhelmed by life. Forgive us when we do not answer the call to reveal your love, compassion, and comfort, wherever you need us to bind up the wounds of the victims of today's society. Or the call to reveal in tangible and authentic**

**ways, your passion for those who feel powerless to make any changes for good in their lives.**

**- silent confession –**

### **The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For  
ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon (minister)**

#### **Hymn 485 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us**

**1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us:**

**much we need your tender care;**

**in your pleasant pastures feed us;**

**for our use your folds prepare:**

**blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!**

**you have bought us; yours we are.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!**

**you have bought us, yours we are.**

**2. We are yours; in love befriend us;**

**be the guardian of our way;**

**keep your flock from sin, defend us;**

**seek us when we go astray:**

**blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!**

**hear your children when we pray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!**

**hear your children when we pray.**

**3. Let us always seek your favour;**

**let us always do your will.**

**Jesus Christ our only Saviour,**

**with yourself our spirits fill:**

**blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!**

**you have loved us; love us still.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
you have loved us; love us still.**

## **Responsive Reading Psalm 23 p. 474 NT & Psalms**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need.

**<sup>2</sup>He lets me rest in green meadows;  
he leads me beside peaceful streams.**

<sup>3</sup>He renews my strength.  
He guides me along right paths,  
bringing honor to his name.

**<sup>4</sup>Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me.  
Your rod and your staff  
protect and comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a feast for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the Lord  
forever.**

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## **Scripture Lessons**

Acts 2:42-47 p. 204 NT & Psalms

1 Peter 2:19-25 p. 405 NT & Psalms

John 10:1-10 p. 178 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon Abundance? What does that mean?**

**Prayers of the People (*minister*)**

**Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)**

**God with a tender heart, we thank you for the care you  
offer to us as our Shepherd. Bless the gifts we offer so  
they will spread your abundant love to lives in need of**

**caring. Bless our lives so that we may care for the world  
as we follow Jesus day by day. Amen.**

## **Hymn 650 He leadeth me**

**1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought!  
oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**Refrain:**

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!**

**Refrain:**

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, what ever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me!**

**Refrain:**

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**4. And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

**Refrain:**

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!**

**By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

### **Choral Blessing**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will be with you each hour of every day.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

### **Benediction**

### **Three-fold Amen**

### **Piano Postlude**