

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 26, 2026

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Sunday of  
Easter



I am the good shepherd.



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+ WELCOME - AS WE GATHER +  
+ PREPARATION +

666 O LITTLE FLOCK, FEAR NOT THE FOE



1 O lit - tle flock,	fear not the foe	Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer;	your cause be - longs	To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true,		Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer;		Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw;	Dread not his rage and pow'r.	
can a - venge your wrongs;	Leave it to Him, our Lord.	
hell's sa - tan - ic crew	A - gainst us shall pre - vail.	
now Thine arm make bare,	Fight for us once a - gain!	



And though your cour - age some-times faints,	His seem - ing	
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes,	His Gid - eon	
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade!	God is with	
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise	A might - y	



tri - umph o'er God's saints	Lasts but a lit - tle hour.	
shall for you a - rise,	Up - hold you and His Word.	
us and we with God—	Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.	
cho - rus to Thy praise	For - ev - er - more. A - men.	

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: German, 1534, Nürnberg  
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*(Stand) - The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**L** In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**C** in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

**L** My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C** and with Your glory all the day.

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**C** 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.

## READING

*Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*(Sit)*

## 709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77  
 Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.  
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## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:1–10*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>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.

*(Sit)*

## SERMON

*(Stand)*

## 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 T everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*(Sit)*

## **OFFERING**

*(Stand)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L** Lord, in Your Mercy

**C** Hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayers:

**L** Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Sit)*

## 740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig  
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### Record of Faithfulness

Attendance Last Sunday: 60

Offering Last Sunday: \$2685 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund: \$20

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**HEALING AND CARE:** for those suffering from cancer: Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Frank Wagner, Barbara Feltner, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister), JoAnne Arb, Karen Waddell.

**CONTINUED HEALING:** Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Mark Feltner, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Harley Browning, Ruby Zorn, Lavon Haney, Pastor Jim Kirschenmann, Pam Templeton, Pat Croucher,

**SHUT-INS:** Don Becker, Virginia Elmore, Jim & Pat Croucher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Daughters** of Zion have Graduation and Mother's Day Cards available on the Fellowship Hall table.

**REMINDER:** Benefit for Pastor and Kathie Kirschenmann on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Lyndon Community Center starting at 5:00pm with a Sloppy Joe meal followed by a 10-Point Pitch Tournament starting at 6:00pm. There also silent auction items to bid on.

**If** you have a graduate that you would like to recognize this year submit their name, school and parents/grandparents to the Church Office by May 3, 2026.

**New** address for Jim and Kathie Kirschenmann, 4352 N Tripp Ave, Chicago, IL 60641

## SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

	<b>Sunday 4/26</b>	<b>Next Sunday 5/3</b>
<b><i>Greeters</i></b>	Larry & Toni	Delmer & Jo
<b><i>Organist</i></b>	Tanya Fraker	Tanya Fraker
<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	Liz Eissler	Phillip
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	Clint Sturdy © Jeff Heidenreich © Reed Silver, Donice Browning	Marvin Zorn © Shane Anschutz © Reed Silver, Loren Eissler
<b><i>Elder</i></b>	Greg Schultz	Clint Sturdy
<b><i>Lay Assistant</i></b>		Casey Monthey

## NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

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