

APRIL 26, 2026



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

House Of The Lord

Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

Interlude 1

Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus / Bridge (2x) / Chorus (2x)

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Bridge

('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

A: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

A: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Silence For Reflection

A: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together.

C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE WORD

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A READING FROM **ACTS 2:42-47**

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A RESPONSIVE READING **PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:1-10

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. John, beginning in the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go 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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)



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



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



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.

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MISSION MOMEMNT

MILAGRO Women's Center

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

I am the Bread of Life

by Suzanne Toolan / Arg: by Jon Sarta

THE OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics: "In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done." The second staff has lyrics: "In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done." The third staff has lyrics: "In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,". The fourth staff has lyrics: "in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done." The music ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

LAMB OF GOD



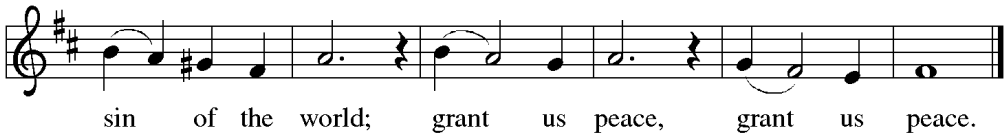
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



COMMUNION MUSIC

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**



THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Verse 1

There's a city that calls me by name
There's a city that calls me by name
Yes as I run this race I am cheered by the saints
There's a city that calls me by name

Verse 2

There's a future that runs through my veins
There's a future that runs through my veins
And there's nothing on earth
That can stand in the way
There's a future that runs through my veins

Chorus

Verse 3

There's a Spirit I cannot contain
There's a Spirit I cannot contain
The same power that raised Jesus up from the grave
The same Spirit I cannot contain

Chorus / Interlude 2x / Bridge

Chorus 2x / Ending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

A: Surrender may sound like something to avoid at all cost, but sometimes surrender leads to the greatest victories. When in our surrender we come to accept Jesus as the good shepherd, our surrender is resurrected into victory. May we be living examples of what it is to live lives of faith with Jesus as our good shepherd. We live these lives so that...

C: Everyone knows that God loves them!

A: Go in peace, led by the shepherd.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Everywhere I Go

by Jason Ingram, Paul Mabury and Paul Timmons

Chorus

Ev'rywhere I go
On this road high and low
Where I go I go with You
So I won't be afraid
This is my hope come what may
Where I go I go with You
(Where I go I go with You)

Interlude

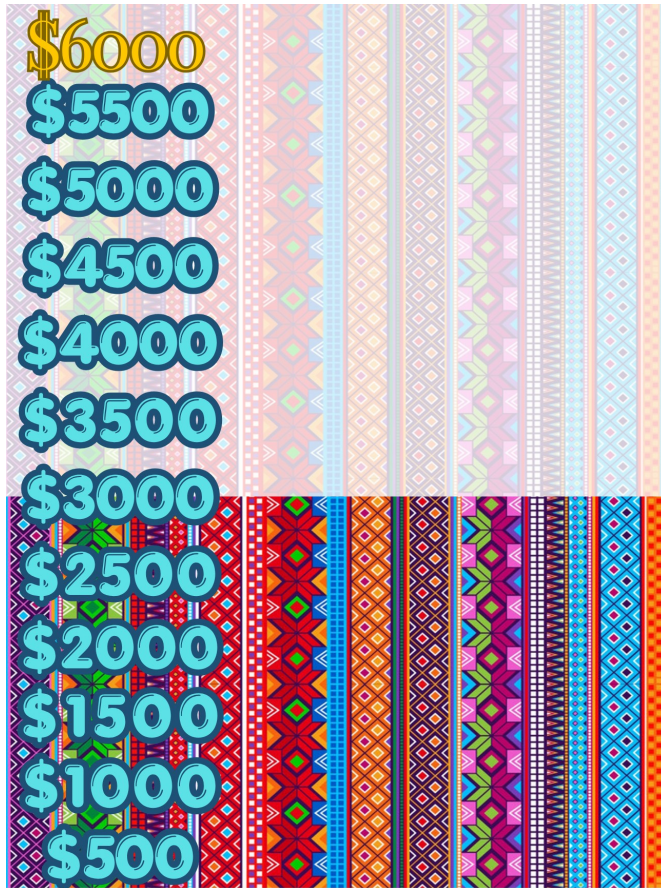
Ooh ooh ooh ooh
Ooh ooh ooh
(I go with You)

Bridge

Your breath upon these bones
Your fire in my soul
Your Kingdom is my home
And I don't walk alone

Ending

Where I go I go with You



**WEAVE TO
GOAL!**



If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

*** Our services are live-streamed and recorded for later viewing. We also utilize images from our services and activities on our website. If you do not want images of you or your family on our website, please inform us via an email to communications@epiphanysuwanee.org.*



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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

Ministers: The People of God

Pastor: Chris Hermansen

Minister of Youth: Kris Perkola

Director of Worship and Music: Steve Belfield, Interim

Worship Production: Steve Belfield

Worship Accompanist: Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

Church Administrator: Bonnie Bradberry

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Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
Music: Irish tune
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I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan / Arrg by Jon Sarta for Piano
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Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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Lamb of God

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four
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Everywhere I Go (CCLI #7050066)

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