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THE 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26 & 27, 2026

Welcome to Worship, where we gather around Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who declares, "I am the door," opening for us the way back to life with God. In a world where sin once shut the door to Paradise, Christ's death and resurrection now stand as the only entrance to forgiveness, restoration, and abundant life. Here, through His Word and Sacraments, our Shepherd calls us, gathers us, and leads us into the eternal pasture prepared for His people.

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a small hospitality gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation and ministries. We hope you'll join us again soon!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A "**Wee Wiggle Room**" is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Sunday School classes meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** will not meet today.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 & 7:00**. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms when at the rail. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center.

+ THE ORDER OF SERVICE +

THE PRELUDE: 9:00 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -Brian Henkelmann

11:15 & 7:00 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" -J.S. Bach

THE OPENING HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 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.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of BODIE THOM BORCHERDING, page 268

Parents: Will & Kamille (Brawner) Borcherding Sponsor: Seth Pollert Witness: Erin Brawner

THE PREPARATION

L: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT HOW GOD FORGIVES

L: What is the Office of the Keys?

C: **The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

L: Where is this written?

C: **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: "The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone His sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven'" (John 20:22-23).**

L: What do you believe according to these words?

C: **I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

L: Let us confess our sins to God.

C: **Merciful God, we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Not only have we done what is wrong, but we have failed to do what is right. We have neglected the means of grace, and have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us and renew us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to live for Your glory and to serve others.**

L: God is merciful! He sent His Son into this world to be made sin for us. In His death and glorious resurrection, He provided forgiveness for us and by the power of the Holy Spirit He restores us to His family. By Christ's command, it is my privilege, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, to forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray. 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.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3**

THE 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

[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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE HYMN: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before 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!

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+++ 9:00 THE MESSAGE BY OUR STUDENTS (See Insert)

+++ 11:15 & 7:00 THE SERMON: "The Door is Open Again!"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

Hymn 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.

- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

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THE BLESSING of SEED & SOIL

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT PRAYER

L: What privilege and command does God give to those who believe in Jesus?

C: God commands and invites believers in Jesus Christ to pray.

L: What is prayer?

C: Prayer is speaking to God in words and thoughts.

L: To whom do we address our prayers?

C: We pray only to the one true God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (and not to idols, ancestors, saints, angels, or anything else that God has created).

L: For what does Jesus teach us to pray in the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer?

C: The Lord's Prayer teaches us to seek all that we need from God. In the first three requests, we pray for things about God. In the last four requests, we pray for our needs, both physical and spiritual.

L: How does God initiate prayer?

C: God first comes and speaks to us through His Word, thus inviting us to respond in prayer. In His Word, God commands us to approach Him in prayer to show how earnestly He wants to help us; promises to hear our prayers so that we can approach Him in confidence; and gives us the very words that we can use in our prayer and that can serve as a pattern for prayer.

L: How often should we pray?

C: Our Father encourages us to pray regularly and frequently—even constantly, especially in times of trouble. The Holy Spirit turns even our sighs and groans into prayers.

L: How does God answer prayer?

C: God our Father hears the prayers of His children and answers in His own way and in His own time.

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 & 7:00 COMMUNION LITURGY:

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER, AND WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns: 633, 740, 710, 468, 770, 643

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast – Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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, E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd 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.

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468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives, In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me, God's wrath He has appeased.
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!

2 I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.
He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.

Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus' resurrection.

I am content! I am content!

3 I am content! My Jesus is my light, My radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation And everlasting exultation.

I am content! I am content!

4 I am content! At length I shall be free, Awakened from the dead,
Arising glorious evermore to be With You, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever; Then shall my soul rejoice forever.

I am content! I am content!

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770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear —
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged — Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness — Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge — Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended.
O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

Hymn 864

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing And here our children bring To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord, O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife. Yourself You did abase
That from sin's deep disgrace You so might save our race And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast
Of holy love; And in our mortal pain None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain; Help from above.
- 4 O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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THE POSTLUDE: "The Lord's My Shepherd" -Kevin Hildebrand

Preacher: (11:15 & 7:00) Pastor Bloch Lector: Vicar Johnston

Liturgists: Pastor Blumenberg & Pastor Fredstrom

Organist: Mr. Paul Scheiderer 9:00 Baritone: Cadin Hounshel

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