

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

5:00 PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Fourth Sunday of Easter

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

April 25, 2026, 5:00 pm

HYMN SING

Jonathan, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

Come, you who are weary and searching—

We come, longing for rest and renewal.

The Lord is our shepherd—

We shall not be in want.

He leads us to green pastures and still waters—

He restores our souls.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us by name—

We listen for his voice and follow.

Come, enter the gate of grace—

We come to worship the One who leads us in love.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guide, our refuge, our peace.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good Shepherd, you call us by name and we are yours. In the noise of this world and the wandering of our hearts, your voice still reaches us—steady and sure. Lead us, gather us when we stray, and restore us when we are weary. Walk with us through every valley and guide us into your peace. Teach us to trust your voice above all others and shape us into a people who follow and love as we have been loved, reflecting your mercy in all we do. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

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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 reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **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.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicar Tim Jordan

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #778

The Lord's My Shepherd
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The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

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 to the dead.
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

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Good Shepherd, all that we have comes from your gracious hand: your care that provides, your love that sustains, your voice that calls us by name. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Take what we offer and use it to tend your flock, to seek the lost, to bind up the broken, and to lead others into your green pastures of peace. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.

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 sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

ELW #789

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764

BENEDICTION

May God the Father, our faithful Shepherd,
provide for you, protect you, and lead you beside still waters.

May Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, call you by name,
walk with you through every valley, and lay down his love around you.

May the Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
guide your steps, tune your heart to the Shepherd's voice,
and send you out with courage and peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

Go now as those who are known and loved by the Good Shepherd.
So go in peace, to love and serve in Jesus' name.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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