

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

8:45 AM

APRIL 26,
2026

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Dir. of Music

Trinity Lutheran Church - Fourth Sunday of Easter

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

April 26, 2026, 8:45 am

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Brother James's Air"

Searle Wright
Charly Sly, organ

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 #604

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,
at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

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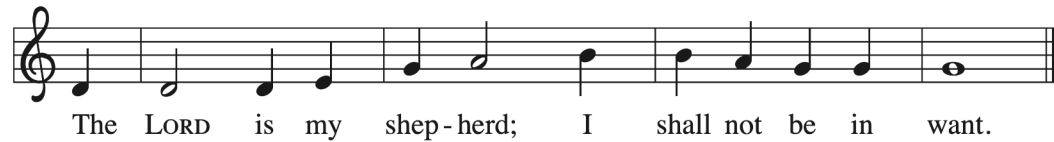
Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

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

PSALM 23

Dale Schultz, cantor

Refrain



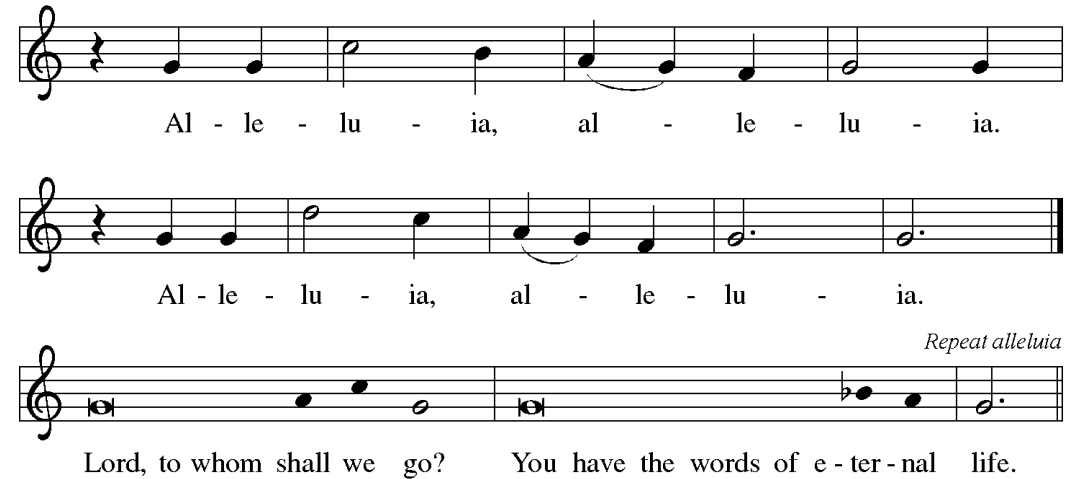
The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

- 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. **R**
- 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. **R**

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 ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

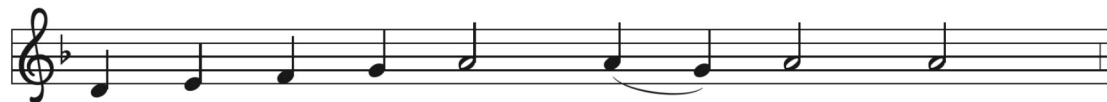
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



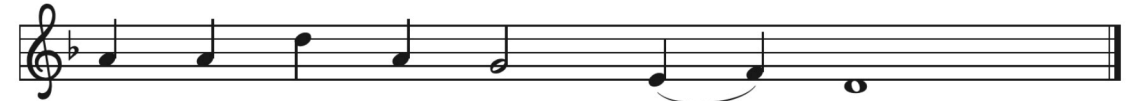
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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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

Brother James's Air

Gordon Jacob
Chancel Choir

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

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
- What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine* ELW #774

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.**

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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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

The Strife Is O'er

Flor Peeters
 Charly Sly, organ

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