

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The LORD is
near to the
brokenhearted
and saves those
who are crushed
in spirit.*

PSALM 34:18, NASB



APRIL 26, 2026

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

April 26th, 2026

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Dan Barthels

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 23

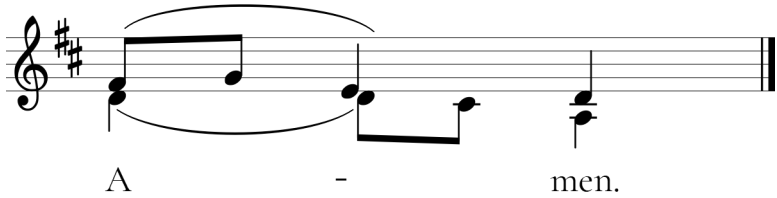
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He re-
stores my soul; He leads me in the paths of
righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴ Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the shad-
ow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are*
with me; Your rod and Your staff, they com-
fort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in
the presence of my enemies; You anoint my
head with oil; My cup runs 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#648 I am Jesus Little Lamb

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

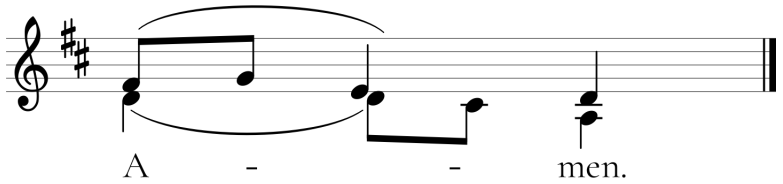


CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.



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



1. ___ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb _____ who was



slain, whose blood set us free
 strength, and hon - or, bless -
 God, and join in the hymn of
 might be to God and the Lamb for -
 slain has be - gun His reign.



to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*
 ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*
 all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*
 ev - er. A - men. *refrain*
 Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

Final Refrain

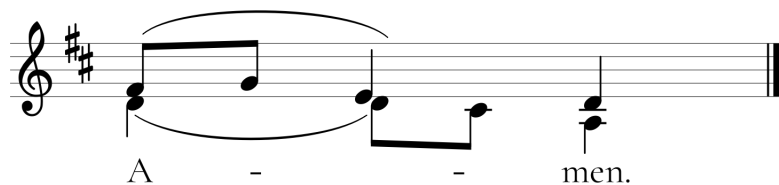


This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



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

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have awakened 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.



THE WORD

Acts 2:42-47 ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2:19-25 ¹⁹ For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, Nor

was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are written that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glori-

fied, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#628 Shepherd of Tender Youth

SERMON

John 10:1-10 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the

sheep. ⁸ "All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD OPENS THE WAY THROUGH THE WALL OF OUR SIN



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#436 The Lord's My Shepherd

Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



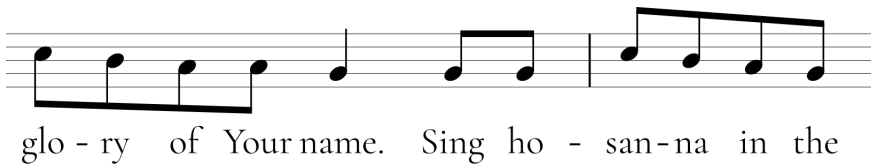
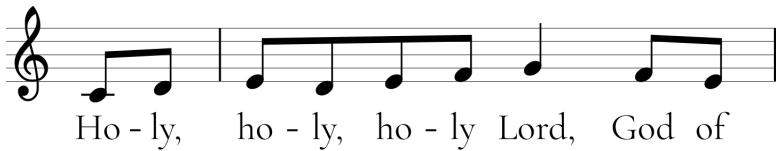
And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Paschal Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:





high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn 304



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,
O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your
praises tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.
Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood
Be for my soul the high - est good.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#783 Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

Sermon Worksheet - John 1:1-10

What is the one thing the Father told the apostles to do?

Why should we listen when our Good Shepherd calls?

What is the difference between the English definition of a door and the Greek?

Why is the Greek word a better picture of Jesus?

What lies between us and God?

What has Jesus done to fix that problem?

What makes Jesus different from all who came before?

How do we know our Shepherd's voice?

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9 am Communion Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

2 pm Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

3:45 pm Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, MAY 3

9 am Worship Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service -74

General Fund- \$5497.16

Missions - \$290

Building Fund in memory of Lois

Pieper - \$50

Sunday School – 3

USHERS FOR APRIL

Mike Dumke, Paul Eserhut,
Andy Kohn, Parker Kohn

USHERS FOR MAY

Ryan Krueger, Dan Thiem,
Todd Thiem, Austin Thiem

COUNTER

This Week Team # 6

Jim Kok, Greg Suwanski

Next Week Team # 1

Randy Strelow, Lynn Dumke

VBS

Volunteer and snack sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

THE MISSION HELPER PROGRAM

Will be traveling to East Africa this summer. On this trip they will be teaching approximately 4,500 kids the saving Gospel message of our Savior! The Mission Helpers are asking whoever is able to donate money to help them provide gifts to each of the kids. There is a basket in the back of church for any donations or see the bulletin board for Venmo information. Thank you.

SNACKS FOR AFTER CHURCH

Heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been bringing snacks for fellowship after church. It is not an easy thing to do but it is appreciated.

If you are able to help in the future there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

LAWN MOWING

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing

GENERAL FUND FINANCES

We finished the first quarter with a negative net income of nearly \$5,000. We have a line of credit of about \$8,000.

BUILDING FUND

We need to raise an additional \$33,000 for roof.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Psalm 146

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

CALL NEWS

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received and accepted the vacancy call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN.

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to

Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Education Program Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

RETIREMENTS

Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026.



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