



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.

At the entrance of the Nave:

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P In Christ's dying and rising, we are reborn; we are no longer dead in our sin.

Let us return to the shepherd and the guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God, who loves you dearly, forgives you all your sin, raises you to new life in Jesus Christ, and renews you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

***Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory; Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Entrance Antiphon

P Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name;

C **proclaim his glorious praise, alleluia. (*Psalm 65:1-2*)**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

Prayer of the Day

P O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

A A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶
“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

A The Word of the Lord.

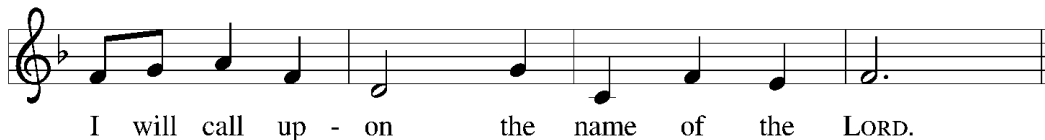
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated R.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



- ¹ I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,
² **for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me**
whenev- ¹ er I called.
- ³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon me;
I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.
- ⁴ **Then I called upon the name ¹ of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹ save my life.” R
- ¹² How shall I re- ¹ pay the LORD
for all the good things God has ¹ done for me?
- ¹³ **I will lift the cup ¹ of salvation**
and call on the name ¹ of the LORD.
- ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God’s people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in your ¹ sight, O LORD,**
is the death ¹ of your servants.
- ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I ¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹ from my
bonds
- ¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD. R
- ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God’s people,
- ¹⁹ **in the courts of ¹ the LORD’s house,**
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ¹ Hallelujah! R

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

A A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

A **The Word of the Lord.**

C Thanks be to God.

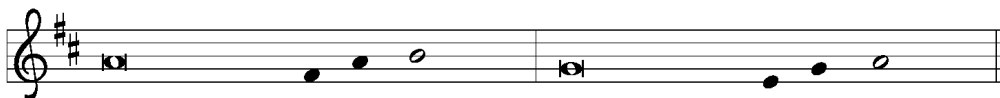
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Verse Tone



Cantor

Our hearts | burn within us while you open to | us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)*

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

C



¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C



Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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PUER NOBIS

- 1 **That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2 **O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3 **O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**
- 4 **All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

**Profession of Faith
The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers Of The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

A Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C **Amen.**

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient and solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.

Greeting: Peace be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.



Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

The assembly stands to sing as the ushers come forward with the gifts.

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OFFERING SONG

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

C **Blessed be God forever!**

A 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,

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.


Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.


Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

C  A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Presiding Minister continues the prayer, and concludes: "... with all your saints in light."

C  A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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

C **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, 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.

Invitation to Communion

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

Song After Communion

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Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

The assembly stands.

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

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MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

**1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to him
with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting
he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**2 For three long days the grave did its
worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.**

Refrain

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

A The Liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

**3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there."
*Refrain***

**4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the
grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."
*Refrain***

**5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
*Refrain***

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room is located off the Narthex.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God and
in celebration of Granddaughter, Peyton's 3rd Birthday
by Dix and Larry McCauley

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the Shared Birthday of Robert and Sara Sprunk
by Fred and Mary Sprunk

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,904.00
Total Received	6,180.60
Difference	1,276.60

This Week

Sunday April 19 2 Easter	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room)
May Call Deadline	11:00 am Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday April 20	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday April 21	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul) 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Gathering room)
Wednesday April 22	9:30 am W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday April 24	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Saturday April 25	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday April 26 3 Easter	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	Gensis 18: 1-14, 1 Peter 1: 23-25, Psalm 134
T	Proverbs 8: 32—9:6, 1 Peter 2: 1-3, Psalm 134
W	Exodus 24: 1-11, John 21: 1-14, Psalm 134
Th	Exodus 2: 15b-25, 1 Peter 2: 9-12, Psalm 23
F	Exodus 3: 16-22; 4: 18-20, 1 Peter 2: 13-17, Psalm 23
Sa	Ezekiel 34: 1-16, Luke 15:1-7, Psalm 23
Su	Acts 2: 42-47, 1 Peter 2: 19-25, John 10: 1-10, Psalm 23

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on goodshepherdpxtang.com.



SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m. in All Saints Hall. The Keystone Concert Band will perform at 2 p.m.

Meeting Notice: The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave. The meeting will follow one service of worship, to be held at 9:30 a.m. that day. The Semi-Annual report will be distributed electronically, and hard copies are available upon request from the church office.

The **Mission and Ministry Committee** is in the process of setting up “transportation solutions”! If anyone would be willing to volunteer to drive people needing rides to appointments, please call the church office at 717-564-0385. If you are in need of a ride to an appointment, please call the church office and make that known. Hopefully we can get this up and running as soon as possible. This same committee is also trying to set up meals for those who need them. We would need volunteers to make and deliver those and we also need to know if you are in need of a meal. Please call the church office if you fit into either of these categories. Thank you so much for everyone’s assistance with this project. Blessings, Sue Bricker, Committee Chair

Adult Formation: The Adult Formation Class will be taking a deeper look into the Biblical references used in the award-winning 1971 musical “Godspell.” Fred Sprunk will serve as leader for the class, which meets between services Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45a.m. in The Gathering Room. The class will be in recess on Sunday, May 3, due to the single 9:30 a.m. service prior to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

Living Room Dialogue: Good Shepherd's Living Room Dialogue will begin its study of a new book at its Sunday, April 26, meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The book is : "No Wonder They Call Him the Savior" by Max Lucado. It is a short book (145 pages, not counting an included study guide for aiding in the small-group discussion). The group hopes to welcome new members to expand our ranks., We meet once a month to discuss a few chapters at a time as well as sharing our own stories. Interested readers should contact Fred and Mary Sprunk or John and Phyllis Switaj.

250th USA Anniversary Committee: The 250th USA Anniversary Committee is seeking Good Shepherd members who have served in our country's armed forces. The goal is to honor our veterans in association with our nation's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Veterans are asked to contact a member of the Anniversary Committee or place a note with details of their service (i.e. branch of military served, dates of service, rank and honors achieved) in the offering plate. Committee members include Bill and Sandy Baum, Greg and Karen Borzok, Dix McCauley and Fred Sprunk. Thank you for your service.

From the Broader Church

I Love to Tell the Story Workshop

May 9, 2026, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Tree of Life, Harrisburg

Learn to explore the Bible as an oral storytelling tradition! The first generation of Christians did not read about Jesus; they heard stories about him. It is important for us to remember that the messenger is as important as the message when we experience the Good News. In this workshop, we will learn more about the oral character of the gospels and about biblical storytelling with an aim to discover how we can become better storytellers ourselves and confident in sharing the Good News of Jesus. We are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman as our presenter! Dr. Vitalis Hoffman served in parish ministry for 14 years and has been Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary since 2002. Among numerous published articles, studies, and websites, he co-authored the Atlas of the Biblical World (Fortress, 2019). Recent work has focused on biblical performance and the Gospel of Mark. He is working on a new translation and commentary on Mark with those perspectives in mind. This workshop is open to all, with a free will donation graciously accepted for participation. RSVP to Deacon David at deaconht@tree-of-life.us

Spring Convocation at ULS | May 6, 2026

On the Glorious Hill: The Impact of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg after 200 Years

Over the course of its nearly two centuries of life, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg has exercised an outsized influence on American Lutheranism and the wider church. Founded at a crossroads of theological formation and public history, the seminary shaped generations of pastors, scholars, and church leaders whose ministries engaged Scripture, confessional theology, social ethics, and public witness. From its proximity to the Gettysburg battlefield to its role in advancing ecumenical, missional, and justice-oriented theology, the seminary has consistently formed leaders attentive to the intersection of faith, history, and the moral demands of their time.

CENTRAL DAUPHIN EAST HIGH SCHOOL PROM SPONSORSHIP:

The Central Dauphin East High PBIS team is requesting our help! The committee plans to recognize students who have positively impacted our school community by displaying grit, respect, excellence, accountability, and thoughtfulness (GREAT). They would like to surprise selected students with prom tickets. Prom tickets cost \$70 per person, and they are looking for individuals or groups willing to sponsor a student or multiple students. You may donate any amount. Good Shepherd has supported this program for several years. The deadline is April 30th. Make checks payable to "CD East High PBIS" and mail to Central Dauphin East High School, Attn: Brittany Robinson, 626 Rutherford Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Decorations for Pentecost

Good Shepherd will be decorated with geraniums for

Pentecost—May 24, 2026.

After they have been used in worship, they will be planted around the building to beautify our grounds for the summer.

If you wish to contribute to this project, please submit your donation (any amount is appreciated) with your completed slip to the church office **by Sunday, May 17.**

_____To the Glory of God _____In Memory Of _____In Honor Of _____In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding

The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist and Cantor

Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Minister

8:30 a.m.

Marcia Freed-Dankman

11:00 a.m.

Fred Sprunk

Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Fred & Mary Sprunk

11:00 a.m.

Vicki Delp

The Parish Staff

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor

Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music

Church Administrator

Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus

Herbert O. Fowler, Cantor Emeritus

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