



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist
Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

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

Thine Is the Glory

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JUDAS MACCABAEUS

1 **Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!**

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!

Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;

life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Entrance Antiphon

P Like newborn children you should thirst for milk,

C on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia. (*1 Peter 2:2*)

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 Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

A A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²

"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 16

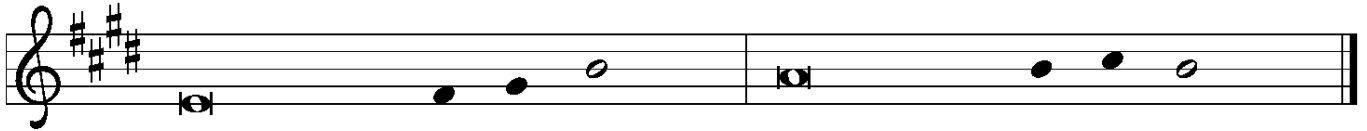
The antiphon will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the congregation. The antiphon is then repeated as indicated R.

Psalm Refrain



In your pres - ence there is full - ness of joy.

Psalm Tone



- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref-^l uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a-^l bove all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are^l in the land,
upon those who are noble a-^l mong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after^l other gods
shall have their troubles^l multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings^l to such gods,
never take their names up-^l on my lips. R**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion^l and my cup;
it is you who up-^l hold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a^l pleasant land;
indeed, I have a^l rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who^l gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night^l after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD al-^l ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall^l not be shaken. R**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-^l it rejoices;
my body also shall^l rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me^l to the grave,
nor let your holy one^l see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the^l path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for-^l evermore. R

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

A A reading from 1 Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse Tone

Cantor

Blessed are those who | have not seen and yet have come | to believe. (John 20:29)*

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

The Risen Christ

The assembly stands at the last stanza.

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WOODLANDS

- 1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

- 2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

- 3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

- 4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in this and ev'ry land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

**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 (B-flat). 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 (B-flat). 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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**1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.**

Refrain

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**2 Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain***

**3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.
*Refrain***

**4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have
ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.
*Refrain***

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

**A The Liturgy is ended. Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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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

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and In memory of Helen McCauley
By Larry and Dixie McCauley.

Last Week

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

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| Spending Proposal Per Week | \$ 4,904.00 |
| Total Received | 6,676.85 |
| Difference | 1,772.85 |

**Contributions have been made to the Easter Decoration Fund
to the Glory of God and...**

in thanksgiving for our resurrected, Living Jesus
by Pastor Baker and family

in memory of Monson and Helen Coffman
by Greg and Karen Borzok

in memory of Dorothy Breon, Robert Breon, and Eric Breon
by Randy and Janice Breon and family

in memory of Ralph "Pete" Risser, Mary Gibbons Risser,
Susan Risser Hanes, John Risser and Walter Holder
by Randy and Janice Breon

in celebration of our Wonderful grandsons
Jeremy, Maxwell, Winston, Henry and James
by Randy & Janice Breon

in honor of Karen Frischkorn for all her
work above and beyond to fill in between
administrative assistants
by John and Sue Bricker

by Nancy L. Cartwright

In memory of Suzanne Crist
by Burnell A. Crist

in memory of loved ones who now celebrate Easter
In the presence of the Risen Christ
by Vicki Delp

in memory of loved ones
by Marie Duvall

in memory of loved ones lost
by the Freed-Dankman Family

in memory of loved ones
by Karen Frischkorn

in memory of Grandparents John and Gerry Hlavaty
by Jackie Frye

in memory of Family members who are blessed memories
by Edna Hafer

in celebration of the Risen Lord Jesus this Easter Day
by Edna Hafer

in memory of Connie Lausch, Scott Lausch,
and Elva Lausch
by Donald Lausch

in memory of loved ones
by Jackie Love

in memory of Angel, Fred Mink,
and Barbara Border-Reed,
by Sonya, Scarlett, and Vera Mink

in memory of loved ones
by Jeanne Romberger

in memory of parents, John and Mary Miller
And Elmer and Martha Schlegel
by Darlene and John Schlegel

by Fred and Mary Sprunk

in memory of Joyce, Mike and Lisa Stewart
by Gene Stewart

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in memory of Gary Stradley
by Mark Stradley

in celebration of the Risen Christ
by Phyllis and John Switaj

in memory of Robert and Evelyn Tuttle,
Erenst and Ethel Hilkert and Kay Hilkert
by Bill and Joyce Tuttle

in memory of Ilse and Rey Valley, Kurt Valley,
Florence and Rocky Vitale
by Karl and Flo Valley

in memory of Barbara Wendt
and Clara & Paul Wendt
by Gary P. Wendt

in honor of Lena Shade and her 97th Birthday
By Dick, Teresa and Rob Wix

Daily Readings

M Judges 6: 36-40, 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20, Psalm 114
T Jonah 1:1-17, 1 Corinthians 15:19-28, Psalm 114
W Jonah 2: 1-10, Matthew 12: 38 –42, Psalm 114
Th Isaiah 25: 1-5, 1 Peter 1: 8b-12, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
F Isaiah 26: 1-4, 1 Peter 1: 13-16, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
Sa Isaiah 25: 6-9, Luke 14: 12-14, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
Su Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1: 17-23, Luke 24: 13-35, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

This Week

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| Sunday April 12 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 11:00 am Word and Sacrament (Nave) |
| Monday April 13 | 9:30 am W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 pm Council (Gathering Room) |
| Tuesday April 14 | 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul) |
| Wednesday April 15 | 9:30 am W&S (Chapel) 10:45 am Evangelism Committee (Gathering Room) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH) |
| Friday April 17 | 11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul) |
| Saturday April 18 | 5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) |
| Sunday April 19 3 Easter | May Call Deadline 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) |

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.

EASTER LILIES may be taken from the Nave after the worship service today. They may be picked up from the Breezeway after today.

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: Beginning this Sunday, 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 a 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

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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.

The Empowerment Project April 2026 Events

Sponsored by LSS NEXT Young Adult Ministry

The Empowerment Project is a ministry led by young adults who host monthly meet-ups at Chaka CrossFit. All fitness levels are welcome! Each gathering includes time for conversation, prayer, and often a shared meal. The Empowerment Project is also hosting an Open Mic Night & Cornhole Tournament on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Chaka CrossFit in New Cumberland. Grab your workout gear, musical instruments, and your appetites because April is going to be fun!

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.

Julie McCauley

11:00 a.m.

Susan Master

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

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