



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist
Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Sortie

'Meditation' from Thais

Joseph McAnulty, violin

T. Dubois

Jules Massenet

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.

P This is the day which the Lord has made, alleluia!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia!

Gathering Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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EASTER HYMN

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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.

L **C**
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

L
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C
Lord, have mer - cy.

L
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C
Lord, have mer - cy.

L
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C**
Lord, have mer - cy.

L **C**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

- P O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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

Organ: Everyone:
On this day the Lord has act-ed,
we will re-joice and be glad in it.

Choir

The Lord is my strength and my song,
And he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous. **R**

Choir

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. **R**

Choir

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **R**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

A A reading from Colossians.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

This is the Day

Alfred V. Fedak

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter

C

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff in G-clef and F major. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second measure contains a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter note F5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C

Praise to you, O Christ.

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The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
The assembly stands at the last stanza.*

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

- 1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The assembly stands.

P Dear Friends: Through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

P Do you reject Satan?

C I do.

P And all his works?

C I do.

P And all his empty promises?

C I do.

P Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

C I do.

P Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

C **I do.**

P Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

C **I do.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

C **I do.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

C **I do.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

C **I do.**

P God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ. For ever and ever.

C **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

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This Is The Feast

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb'. The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: '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.

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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P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

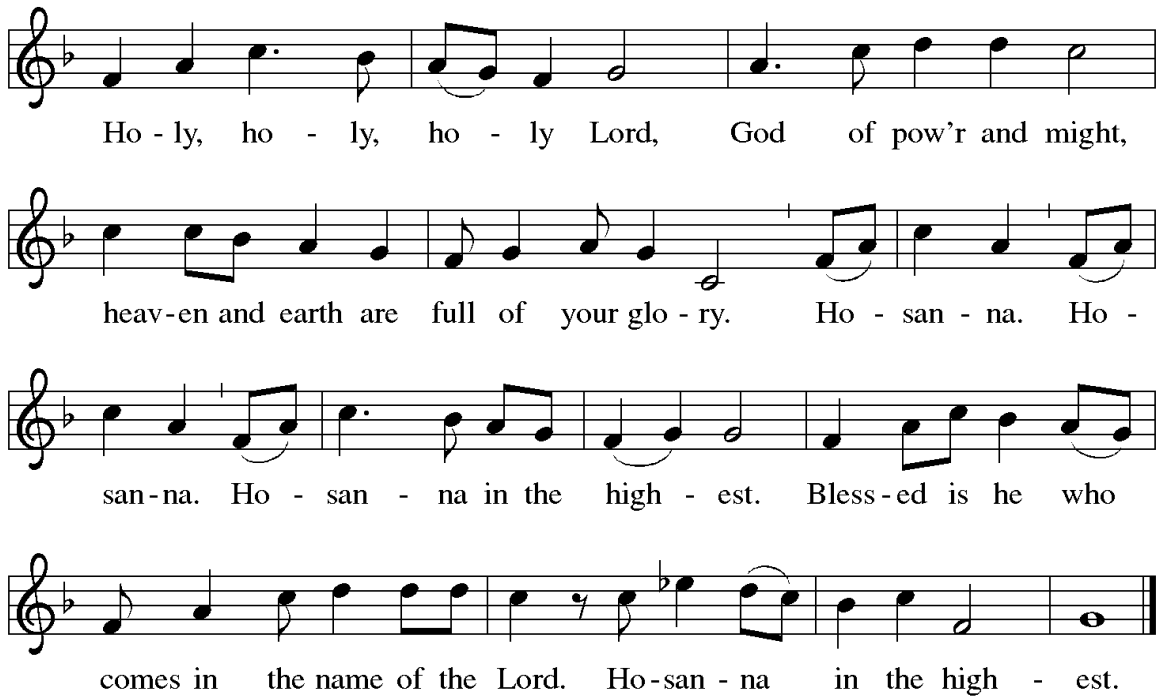
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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.

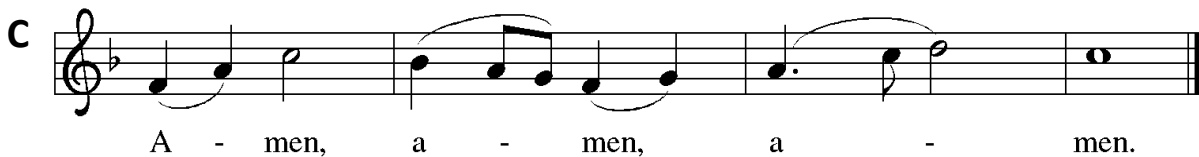
Eucharistic Prayer

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



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."



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:

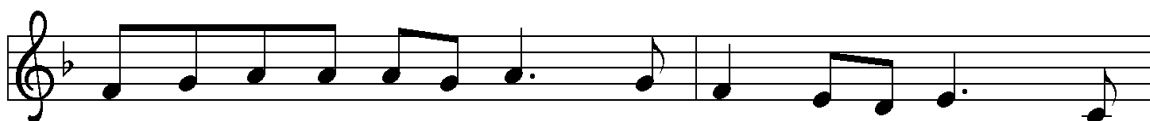
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

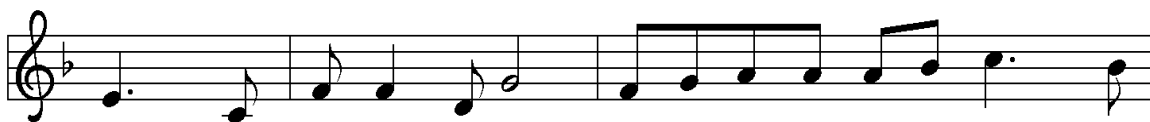
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Text by Godfrey Thring
Music by Jay Althouse

Christ Is Arisen from Judas Maccabaeus
Sanctuary Choir and Joseph McAnulty

G. F. Handel

Congregation invited to join in singing. Music on page 16.

CHRIST IS ARISEN

for congregational singing

Words by
P.M.L.

from the oratorio *JUDAS MACCABAEUS*
by GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759)
Edited and Arranged by
PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN

Verse 1:
(Choir only) Christ is arisen, praise the Lord!
Hail the Savior, King adored!
Christ is arisen, praise the Lord!
Hail the Savior, King adored!

Refrain:
(Choir only) Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Refrain (repeat):
Choir and Congregation



Verse 2:
(Choir only) Songs of joy we gladly bring,
all the faithful join and sing:

Refrain (repeat):
Choir and Congregation



Postlude:
(Choir only) Christ is arisen! Alleluia!

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Song After Communion

Thine the Amen

The assembly stands.

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THINE

1 Thine the amen thine the praise
alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story
thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup
is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree
all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness
only thee only thee.

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

Lift High the Cross
The assembly stands.

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CRUCIFER

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

Silent Prayer and Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Rigaudon from Idomenee

Andre Campra

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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 memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Kristen Stewart.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
and in memory of my mom and dad's wedding anniversary.
by Dixie and Larry McCauley.

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	\$3,606.10
Difference	(1,297.90)

This Week

Sunday April 5	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com)
Easter Sunday	9:45 a.m. Easter Reception (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday April 6	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday April 7	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday April 8	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday April 10	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Saturday April 11	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday April 12	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com)
2 Easter	9:45 a.m. Adult Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Daily Readings

M	Exodus 14: 10 –31; 15: 20-21, Colossians 3: 5-11, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
T	Exodus 15: 1-18, Colossians 3: 12-17, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
W	Joshua 3: 1-7, Matthew 28: 1-10, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Th	Song of Solomon 2: 8-15, Colossians 4: 2-5, Psalm 16
F	Song of Solomon 5: 9—6:3, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, Psalm 16
Sa	Song of Solomon 8: 6-7, John 20: 11-20, Psalm 16
Su	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-31, Psalm 16

EASTER MESSAGE FROM The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop ELCA

We remember the whispers of Advent as we anticipated the birth of Jesus. Now, as we journey through Holy Week, we anticipate the joyful noise of alleluias on Easter Sunday. But before we reach the Easter celebration, we make our way through Lent, through an in-between time where we don't know what tomorrow will bring. We often describe ourselves as an Easter church, but in this holy, solemn time that begins with Ash Wednesday and moves on to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we are also a Lenten church. Living in uncertainty, waiting and hoping for renewal. Longing for the moments when God's presence feels closer and more sure.

During Lent, we learn what it means to live on unsettled ground.

In Matthew's retelling of the resurrection, he describes a "violent earthquake" as the angel came down from heaven and rolled the stone away from the entrance to the tomb where Jesus lay.

I imagine the earthquake, the rumble deep below the earth, as the ground shifted far under the surface. Perhaps those who were nearby felt the tremble. Maybe the women who were on their way to the tomb with prepared spices felt the earth shift. They were unsettled, but they knew something powerful was happening.

We can understand that human experience of feeling out of control, of not being able to make sense of what's happening around us. Many of us can relate to this as we witness the current unrest in our world and in our communities. Like the women at the tomb, we feel isolated, disconnected. We're unsettled, unsure, living the Lenten reality of waiting and hoping.

And then, in the midst of that shaking, comes the promise.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen."

God's promise offers reassurance and hope. The resurrection does not deny disruption — it meets us within disorder and disturbance. The stone is rolled away. Death does not have the final word.

Yes, we are Easter people. Even when the ground below us is shaking, we will not grow weary. We know that Jesus is our foundation. Christ is risen, and that truth strengthens us. It gives us courage to live, to hope and to proclaim joy.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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In honor of Lena Shade and her 97th Birthday
by Dick, Teresa and Rob Wix

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.



WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR OFFERING ENVELOPES? Hopefully, your next batch of offering envelopes have finally arrived, but you may be wondering, “What happened?”. Cathedral, our envelope company, experienced a mechanical breakdown. The needed part had to come from Europe, and there was a delay in shipping. All is now repaired, and our envelopes have been mailed. Cathedral will give Good Shepherd credit for any missed weeks. If you have NOT received your envelopes, please notify the church office.

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.

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.

QUILT DISPLAY: The quilts on display on the rail of the Nave are the handiwork of Workshop. Workshop meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall to complete quilted and sewn projects for various mission efforts. You may support this ministry with donations of yarn, cotton/cotton blend fabrics, and sheets, which may be deposited in the Workshop bin in the Breezeway.

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

From the Broader Church

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. Join them for their next community workout and meal at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at Chaka CrossFit in New Cumberland. 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!

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 generations 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

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.**

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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.

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding		The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
Organist		Nicholas P. Werner
Violin		Joseph McAnulty
Assisting Ministers	8:30 a.m.	Kristen Stewart Fred Sprunk
	11:00 a.m.	Dix McCauley Kirk Barbour
Ushers	11:00 a.m.	Bill Baum

The Parish Staff

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
Nicholas P. Werner, Director of Music
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