

May 11, 2025
10:15 AM
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE Pastorale - Théodore Salomé

WELCOME AND GREETING

CONFESSION

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.
The waters aren't always still.
Our souls still thirst.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
O Lord, we long to be led by you,
though we may complain along the path.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.
May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.
Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.
Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a
new creation. **Amen.**

HYMN ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Lord you are my shep - herd and so I am blessed

You make me lie down in green past - ures to rest

You lead me be - side the still wa - ters, O Lord;

In you I find peace and my soul is re - stored.

Refrain

In this world, there is much that can tempt me a - way,

Yet in you, I'm con - tent, as you guide me each day

O Lord, I don't need to feel lost or a - lone;

For you are my Shep - herd and I am your own.

OPENING PRAYER

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

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

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

At the end of the reading:

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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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.**

OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING Let All the World in Every Corner Sing – Paul M. Vasile
St. John's choir**

OFFERTORY ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

Each petition ends with the phrase:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE My Shepherd, Lord - Randall DeBruyn

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard & Martha Gibeon, David Mounts, Ruthie Jadick, Jill Iris, Ed Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Marie Wolfe, Joe Tursi, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Linda Lysoby, Mary Bonar, Richard Ditzler and Evan Bolton.

Mark Your Calendar

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| Monday, May 12 | 7:30pm Council Meeting |
| Tuesday, May 13 | 10am UM Conference Meeting |
| Thursday, May 15 | 10am Card Crew 5-6:30pm pick up hoagies |
| Saturday, May 17 | 12-5 Fellowship hall rental |
| Sunday, May 18 | 9am Faith Foundation 10:15am Worship with Faith Formation closing celebration Following worship—Stop the Bleed workshop Summer Newsletter deadline |

Hoagies are back! Hoagie pick up for May will be Thursday May 15th from 5-6:30pm. Next hoagie orders are due on Monday, June 9th.

The Summer Newsletter is starting production. Please submit any article that you would like included by Sunday, May 18th.

Closing Celebration of Faith Formation will be during the Sunday worship service on May 18th at 10:15am.

Mark your calendar! On May 18th we will be holding a STOP THE BLEED workshop here at St. John's following worship with a light lunch included.
Sign up outside Pastor Becky's office or call the church office at 215-234-4888.

Relief Kits for Lutheran World Relief—please bring supplies for Personal Care Kits, School Kits or Baby Care Kits to St. John's by Sunday, May 25th. Flyers with details are available in the parlor and narthex, or go to lwr.org/kits from more information.

Our first Food Truck Event of the summer will be on Wednesday, May 28th. Spread the word, come to enjoy and, if you are willing to help, please let Paul Barndt know.

Graduate Celebration Sunday will be on Sunday, June 1st. If you or someone you love is graduating this year, please send information to Vikki at the church office to be included in the celebration.

VBS June 23-26 Volunteers Needed! Please see the sign up in the weekly newsletter and help wherever you can.

Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship will be on Sunday, June 8th at 10:30am.
We will be gathering at Friedens UCC for a combined celebration of summer.

Help with the retiring the Wreaths Across America at Friedens Cemetery on Sunday, June 8th at 1pm. All are welcome!

