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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 9*

Worship in-person and livestream

"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."

GATHERING

Prelude

Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing red book **No. 807**

Greeting

Kyrie

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Song of Praise

This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

...Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Shepherd Me, O God solo verses

red book **No. 780**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

...Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia....

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The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

...Glory to you, O God.

...Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd blue book **No. 954**

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.

We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts

Offering Song

Shepherd of My Heart - F.P. O'Brien - choir

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Holy

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Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

red book **No. 484**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

red book **No. 789**

Be Not Afraid

red book **No. 388**

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

Earth, Earth, Awake!

blue book **No. 937**

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.

Thank you to all who contributed for hosting.

Flowers given by Gisela Wolf and Barry Walker.

Worship Assistants

Presiding Minister

Pr. Lyndon Sayers

Assisting Minister

Don Storch

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Carolyn Hoekstra

Choral Scholars

Madison Blackman, DJ McGrath

Reader

Jane Wicksteed

Livestreaming

Braeden McKenzie

Communion

Iris Schoffer, Beverley Norman

Ushers

Jack Braniff, Bob Kohlert

You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.

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for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.

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Psalm 23

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. R**



Livestream Text

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Acts 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026**



John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."