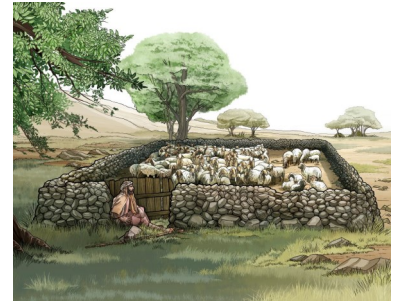


April 26, 2026 - 9:30 am

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude :

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*“Jesus in the Morning”*

Cong, & SS Kids, Ukes

Greeting

Song

*“Father, I Adore You “*

Cong., SS Kids & Ukes

Prayer

**WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching**

**Children’s Message**

Emma Roberts

**Psalm 23...**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Kelsey Ellis

Hymn of the Day

*“Shepherd Me O God”*

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Prayers

Sharing God’s

**MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus**

Offering

Special Music

*“The Wild Horseman”*

Radical Ringers

Offertory Hymn	<i>"Give Thanks"</i>	
Words of Institution	<i>"Remember Me"</i>	
Lord's Prayer		
Communion		
Communion Song	<i>"Here is Bread"</i>	
Communion Blessing		
Post-Communion Prayer		
<b><u>SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love</u></b>		
Blessing		
Sending Song	<i>"Happy"</i>	All Choirs & Congregation
Dismissal		
Postlude		

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, May 2 from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be soup and crackers.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at Romeo's located at 2395 N. 90th St. at 11:30. You are welcome to join us. Please call Linda Kohrs (402)690-3342 if you would like to come!
- ⇒ **Recycling Forum** Why do we recycle at Holy Cross and why does it seem so complicated? Join us today—April 26<sup>th</sup> for an Adult Forum on recycling and composting. Sustainability Consultant Samantha Nieman from Hillside Solutions will give us an update on changes to our recycling system and guide us through a hands-on exercise in sorting trash into the color-coded receptacles. Grounded in the biblical mandate from Genesis 2:15, Hillside Solutions has received awards from Earth Day Omaha, Green Bellevue, the Nebraska Recycling Council, and was named the 2025 Organics Diversion Program of the Year from the US Composting Council. Samantha will help us feel confident that we are helping to “take care of God's Earth”
- ⇒ **Gas to Go** 12 Junior High youth and 2 adults are headed to the Twin Cities in June for our annual Jr High Summer Road Trip! Help us get there by donating your spare change, dollars, or checks to our gas can in the Narthex! Thanks in advance for your generosity!
- ⇒ **Church Clean Up** Join us on Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for spring cleaning and yard work at the church. Bring gloves and, if you have them, gardening gear like rakes, shovels, and trimmers. Thanks!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, April 26**

9:30 am Children's Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir  
11:30 am Stewardship Meeting

### **Monday, April 27**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 28**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 29**

12:30 pm Tai Chi Class  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Worship  
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

### **Thursday, April 30**

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, May 1**

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex  
6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep  
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction  
7:00 pm Belles n Beaus

### **Saturday, May 2**

8:00 am Food Pantry

### **Sunday, May 3**

9:30 am Confirmation Sunday Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir  
11:00 am RIC Team Meeting  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Madelyn Abbott, daughter of Heather Abbott; Meg Trowbridge, friend of Nicole Szymczak; Bobbi Valandra, sister of Jason Valandra; Arthur Oberwetter, father of Julie Leahy; Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; ; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

**Grieving:** Neal & Wendy Brenner and their family as they mourn the death of Neal's brother.

The family and friends of Anna Mae Carlson.