

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday April 26th, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator and to one another
as we share in worship together.

Rev. Del Strecker, Pastor
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's
Ruth Mirtz, Organist
Ann Metcalfe, Director of Music

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Look! Here is water!

What is to prevent us from giving thanks for baptism? Here is water. Rushing water. Surging water. Pounding, crashing surf of water. Foaming waters to wash us clean, to scrub away the guilt, the burden that clings, to wipe away the grime of archived fear. Blessed be water.

We give you thanks, Creator God, for sea and ocean, tides and waves.

Here is water. Tumbling water. Streaming water. Free-flowing-shower-of-grace water. Bubbling fount to soothe our hearts, balm for the scars of angry division, salve for the wounds of ignorant pride. Blessed be water.

We give you thanks, creative Word, for rain and snow, storm and mist.

Here is water. Clear water. Cool water. Quench-the-thirst-of-our-soul water. Still waters to restore our spirits, source of hope, refreshment for the journey toward the fold, sparkling with the promise of new life. Blessed be water.

We give you thanks, creating Spirit, for stream and pool, spring and lake.

Children and others may be invited to play, splash, wade in or otherwise interact with the water.

Here is water, through which God created and continues to create. In the beginning, weaving with the Breath of life every living being; throughout history, a gateway for divine deliverance; in every moment, re-mem-bering the mystery of life, bonding all of creation as one. We give you thanks, blessed Creator, for the gift of life, for this water without which life would cease, for the gift of baptism, through which these waters birth us again into your promise of newness, wholeness, and oneness. Blessed be Creator God, creative † Word, creating Spirit. Blessed be each soul here and not here, one people, one with all that is. Blessed be this water that births us, renews us, and welcomes us home. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home;
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



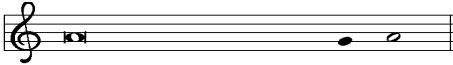
teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



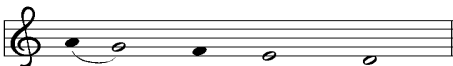
Lord, have mer - cy.



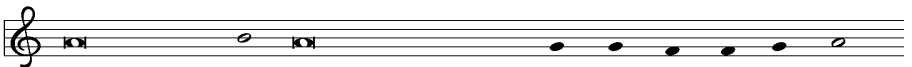
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

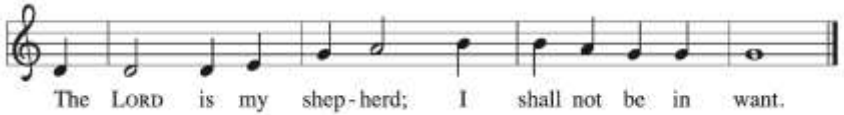
⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23



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 be- | side 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**



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter.

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.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Gospel Acclamation*
(Celtic): *Celtic Alleluia* (ELW 174)

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR DEL

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Lord's My Shepherd* (ELW 778)

The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows
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CREED

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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still

waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured especially **Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Will Biggs, Darla Personney, Chuck Hadlouer, Maxi Cardelle, T.J. Karst, Frank and Mary Gwing, Rev. Melinda Melhus, Kyler Russell, Becky Shulda, Janis Plumer, Jane Botz, Virginia Yantes, Dean Yates, Wilma Beckman, Joyce Karst, Kyle Siler, Darren Vargas, Paula Smith, Darrel Inscho Jr, Christine Naylor, Matt Beckman, Eva Watson, Rosie Mettlen** and the family of **Greg Erzen**. We lift up **Eric Blomberg, Brayden Harper and Trey Davis** who are serving in the military. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Loving and Gracious God, you have called us to be in community. We share the message of the Gospel with our fellow siblings in Christ, whom we lift up in prayer today: **American Lutheran Church**, Smith Center, KS, **First Lutheran Church**, Topeka, Ks, **St. John Lutheran Church**, Bendena, Ks; May the Holy Spirit bless our ministry as well as theirs, so that together we make your message of love known to the world. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

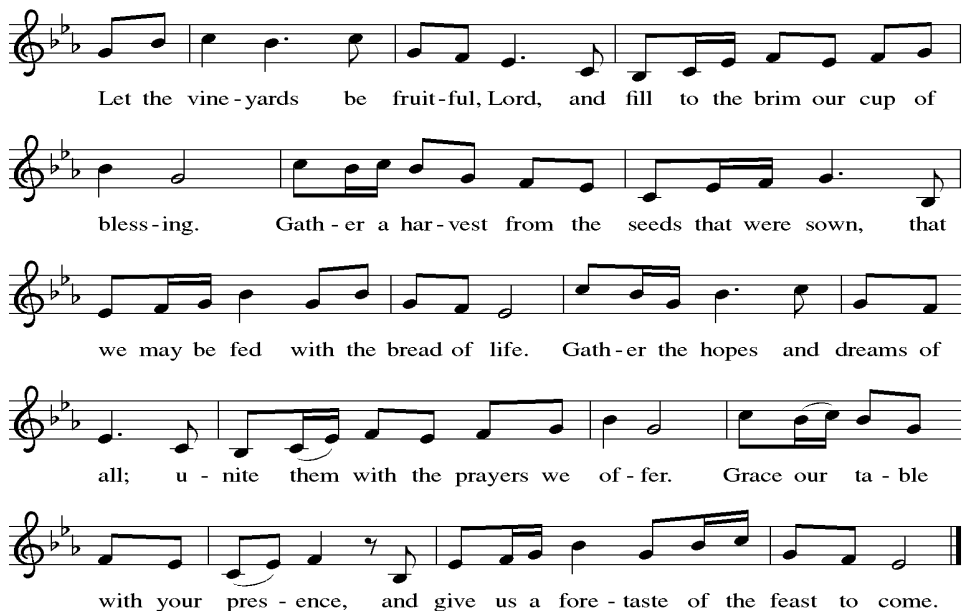
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

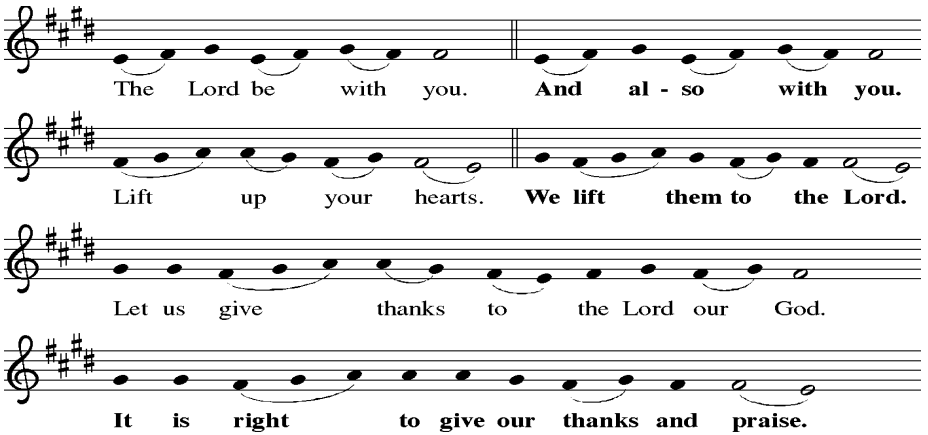
Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

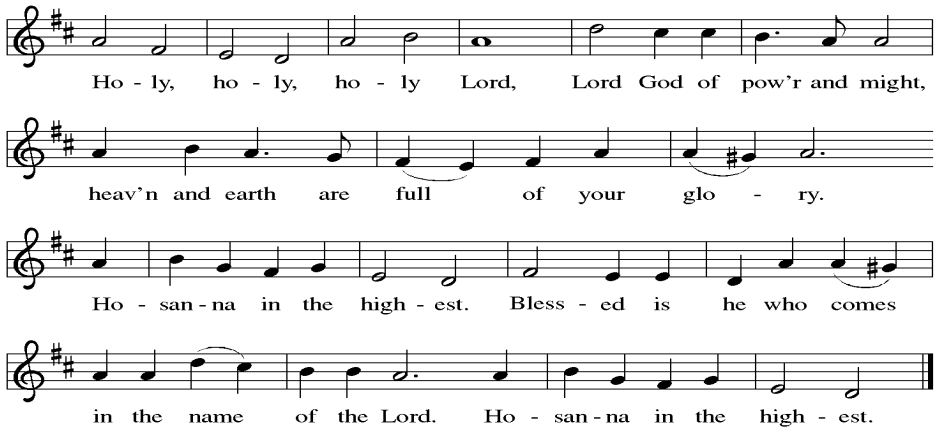


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's
passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of
faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus
taught us.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

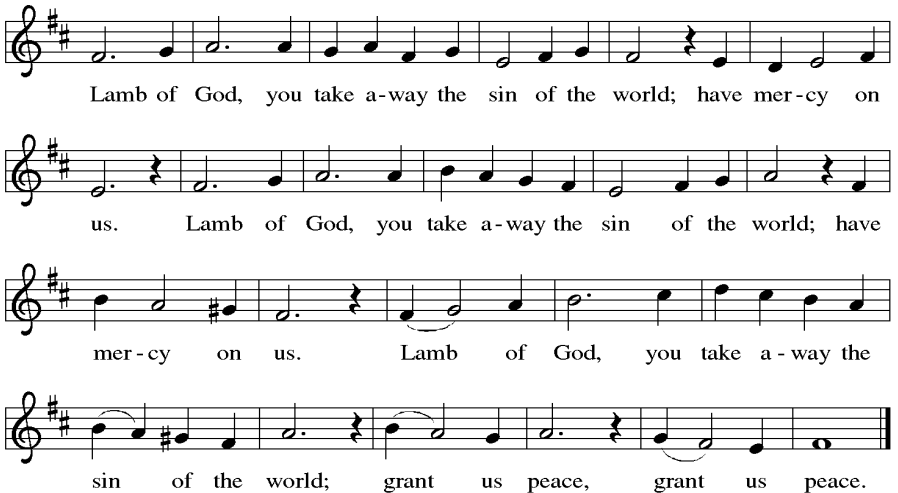
This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his table.

O Christ, our Good Shepherd, be with us this day in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome at God's Table. There are gluten free communion wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG

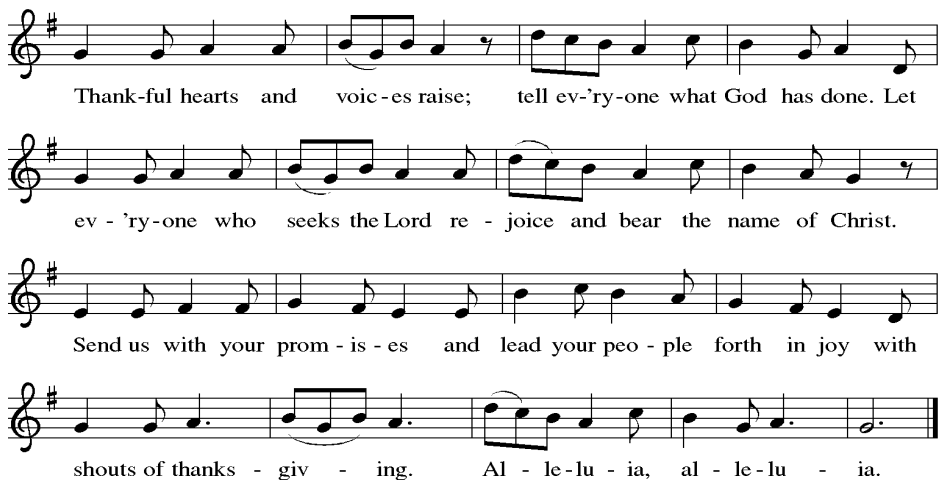


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (Nelson)*

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)

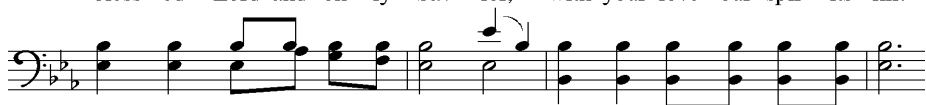
Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



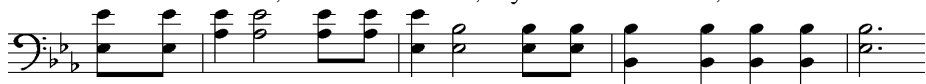
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



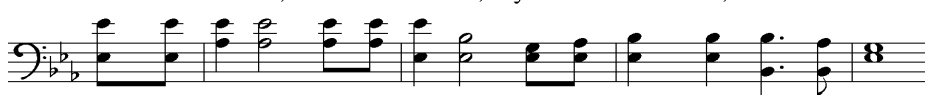
In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
 Thanks be to God.

Schedule for the week

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

8:30a.m. Sunday School

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:30 a.m. Sunday Service

Wednesday, April 29th, 2026

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Partners in Ministry

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Greeter- Grant & Kris Johanson

Usher- Jan Jackson & Janet Whitaker

Lector- Sheila Alstatt

Cantor- Kris Johanson

Crucifer- LaNita Pratt

Communion- Kathy Lowman

Sound- Kris Neff

Fellowship- Debbie Beckman

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Greeter- Brian & Denise Dusin

Usher- Gary & Sue Mettler

Lector- Phil Sedo

Cantor- Ann Metcalfe

Crucifer- Charlotte Herrman

Communion- Wayne Keller

Sound- Mary Mertz

Fellowship- Shirley Meyer & Kris Neff

Prayer Request

MEMBERS: Marge Hansen, Cecelia Anderson, Paige Alstatt, Barb Wire, Janis Plumer.

REDEEMER FRIENDS

Dorothy Hanke (Mother of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave Herrman)

Zach Swanson(Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)
Beverly Alstatt (Mother of Craig Alstatt)
Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson's daughter-in-law)
Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)
Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)
Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman's son-in-law)
Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Chuck Hadlouer (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)
Maxi Cardelle (Friend's grandson of Kathy Lowman)
T.J Karst (Cousin of Charlotte Herrman)
Dee Wamika (Friend of Shelia Alstatt)
Barbra Stucky (Friend of Kathy Lowman)
Wilma Beckman (Mother of Susan Ramage)
Joyce Karst (Pastor Del & Charlotte Herrman's Aunt)
Virginia Yantes (Jean Sedo's Sister)
Jane Botz (Jean Sedo's Sister)
Dean Yates (Jean Sedo's Brother)
Eva Watson (Friend of Alicia Miller)
Family of Johnny Schwein (Friend of Cheryl Itschner)
Matt Beckman (Friend of Scott & Cheryl Itschner)
Kyle Siler (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)
Larren Vargas (Friends of Sheila Alstatt)
Paula Smith (Daughter of Marge Hansen)
Darrel Inscho Jr (Father of Angela Inscho)
Christine Naylor (Sister-n-Law of Cheryl Itschner)
Rosie Mettlen (Daughter-in-law of Gary and Sue
Mettlen)
Family of Greg Ernzen

MILITARY

Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon (Nephew of Mary Shaffer)
Brayden Harper , USS Washington (Great Great Nephew
of Mary Bridges) Trey Davis (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)

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