



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.  
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APRIL 25/26 2026  
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Welcome to Worship

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**PREACHING:**

Pastor Connie Tiede

**ASSISTING:**

8 AM Pr Sue Wallager

9 AM Katie Weiland

**READER:**

5 PM Judy Bendiske

**ORGANISTS:**

5 PM KT Thompson

8 & 9 AM Shari Albrecht

### PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

### **God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.**

Even through the darkest valley, we need not fear.

### **For you are with us, O God, guiding and protecting us.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for your Spirit moving over the waters at creation, for leading your people through the sea to freedom, and for the new life you give in Jesus Christ.

**In water and Word, you make us your own.**

Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters by me will be saved."

**You call us by name and lead us to life.**

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

**In Christ, we receive life in abundance.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may hear your voice, follow where you lead, and dwell in your house forever.

**Keep us in your grace and peace.**

Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: God is Here!, vs 1 & 3

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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

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**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.**

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -  
ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es  
trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.  
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**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

### WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSON: Psalm 23 (5 pm only - read responsively)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**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.**

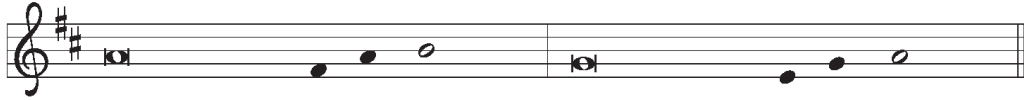
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**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.**

LESSON: Psalm 23 (8 & 9 am only - sung responsively)



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

**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

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

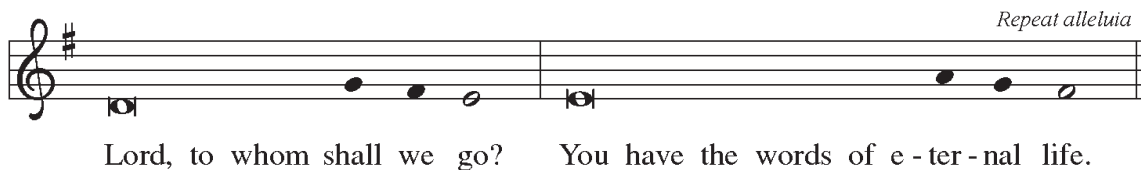
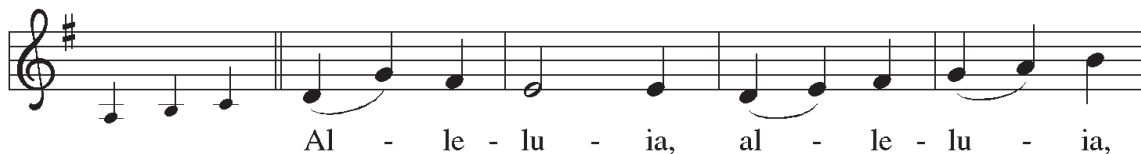
**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

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

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

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



# GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: "*Led by the Shepherd*" by Pastor Connie Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

Through your resurrection power...

**Hear us Living God.**

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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click on "GIVE TODAY"

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or



MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC ( 9 AM):

"Brother James's Air" ..... arr. Jacob  
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Shari Albrecht, piano

OFFERTORY: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, verse 1

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**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

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, **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION:

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. **Amen.**



WE WELCOME YOU  
TO WORSHIPHearing Assistance  
Units Available

*Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.*

## Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.*

## Children Welcome

*Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.*

## LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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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.

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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.

## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE