

# Fourth Weekend of Easter

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 4:00pm

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 8:30am

## Prelude

## Hymn of Invocation: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
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Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

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**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 130:3

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

*(Silence for prayerful confession)*

## Absolution

# Service of the Word

## Introit: Psalm 23

- P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
**C** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.  
**P** He restores my soul.  
**C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
**C** I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
**P** Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
**C** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
**P** You anoint my head with oil;  
**C** My cup overflows.  
**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**C** And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.
- C** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

## Kyrie



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Hymn of Praise: He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

LSB 488

1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer!  
Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious,  
Life is giving.

He was dead but now is living!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Holy Baptism (Sunday): Broden Lee Kasper**

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**Welcome**

*Saturday - Pastor Tim Eden; Sunday - Pastor Randy Bard*

**Children's Time (Sunday)**

*DCE Jeff Bellach*

**First Reading**

*Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

<sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

- A** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
- A** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- C** He has put all things under his feet. Amen.

### Epistle

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed (Saturday only)

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig  
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Sermon: Devoted To ...

Pastor Tim Eden

## Hymn Response: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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## Offering

*(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at [www.blcbs.org](http://www.blcbs.org))*

**LWML MITE Gathering**—When the Offering Plate has passed by, please bring your Mites forward. If you do not have a Mite Box but wish to contribute to this Mission Offering, please come forward and put it in the Big Mite Box.

## Prayer of the Church

*Those for whom we are praying are listed in the bulletin. Each petition of the prayer will end, "Lord, in Your Mercy." The worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."*

## 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.**

## **Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

### **Hymn to Depart: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*LSB 685*

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| <p>1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,<br/>Follow His example pure,<br/>Through a world that would deceive us<br/>And to sin our spirits lure.<br/>Onward in His footsteps treading,<br/>Pilgrims here, our home above,<br/>Full of faith and hope and love,<br/>Let us do the Father's bidding.<br/>Faithful Lord, with me abide;<br/>I shall follow where You guide.</p> <p>2 Let us suffer here with Jesus<br/>And with patience bear our cross.<br/>Joy will follow all our sadness;<br/>Where He is, there is no loss.<br/>Though today we sow no laughter,<br/>We shall reap celestial joy;<br/>All discomforts that annoy<br/>Shall give way to mirth hereafter.<br/>Jesus, here I share Your woe;<br/>Help me there Your joy to know.</p> | <p>3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.<br/>Since by death He conquered death,<br/>He will free us from destruction,<br/>Give to us immortal breath.<br/>Let us mortify all passion<br/>That would lead us into sin;<br/>And the grave that shuts us in<br/>Shall but prove the gate to heaven.<br/>Jesus, here with You I die,<br/>There to live with You on high.</p> <p>4 Let us also live with Jesus.<br/>He has risen from the dead<br/>That to life we may awaken.<br/>Jesus, You are now our head.<br/>We are Your own living members;<br/>Where You live, there we shall be<br/>In Your presence constantly,<br/>Living there with You forever.<br/>Jesus, let me faithful be,<br/>Life eternal grant to me.</p> |
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