

April 26, 2026 + Fourth Sunday of Easter

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Opening Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks"

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation. **Refrain**

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**

3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live..forever. **Refrain**

4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
life for all people, alleluia. **Refrain**

5. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and

praise, now and forever. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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.**

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.**

First Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25 *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering*

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

Psalm 23 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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 runs 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.

Gospel: John 10: 1-10 *Christ the shepherd*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . .

Glory to you, O Lord.

After: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "At the Foot of the Cross"

At the foot of the cross, I can hardly take it in, that the King of all creation was dying for my sin; and the pain and agony, and the thorns that pierced your head, and the hardness of my sinful heart that left you there for dead.

And, oh, what mercy I have found at the cross of Calvary; I will never know your loneliness, all on account of me. And I will bow my knee before your throne, 'cause your love has set me free; and I will give my life to you, dear Lord, and praise your majesty, and praise your majesty, and praise your majesty.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offering & Giving Prayer

Gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen

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.

Announcements

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Lord, I Lift your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**