

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

*Good Shepherd Sunday, Year A*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.  
*Water may be poured into the font as reading continues*

P: 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.

*(local waters may be named).*

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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 joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN *Accompanied by Pr. D.J. & Guitar* No. 807  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1 **Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.

**C: 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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:7-15

GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION

*God will shepherd Israel*

<sup>7</sup>“Now, you shepherds, listen to what I, the LORD, am telling you. <sup>8</sup>As surely as I am the living God, you had better listen to me. My sheep have been attacked by wild animals that killed and ate them because there was no shepherd. My shepherds did not try to find the sheep. They were taking care of themselves and not the sheep. <sup>9</sup>So listen to me, you shepherds. <sup>10</sup>I, the Sovereign LORD, declare that I am your enemy. I will take my sheep away from you and never again let you be their shepherds; never again will I let you take care only of yourselves. I will rescue my sheep from you and not let you eat them. >

<sup>11</sup> “I, the Sovereign LORD, tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them <sup>12</sup> in the same way as shepherds take care of their sheep that were scattered and are brought together again. I will bring them back from all the places where they were scattered on that dark, disastrous day. <sup>13</sup> I will take them out of foreign countries, gather them together, and bring them back to their own land. I will lead them back to the mountains and the streams of Israel and will feed them in pleasant pastures. <sup>14</sup> I will let them graze in safety in the mountain meadows and the valleys and in all the green pastures of the land of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will find them a place to rest. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 100 *we read responsively*

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

**C: Serve the LORD with gladness;  
come into God's presence with a song.**

L: Know that the LORD is God,  
our maker to whom we belong;

**C: We are God's people and  
the sheep of God's pasture.**

L: Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving  
and the courts with praise;

**C: Give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

L: Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love  
is everlasting,

**C: God's faithfulness endures  
from age to age.**

SECOND READING: ACTS 2:42-47 THE MESSAGE

*Follow the shepherd, even in suffering*

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

<sup>43-45</sup> Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

<sup>46-47</sup> They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10 COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

*Christ the shepherd*

<sup>1</sup> I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep."<sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 764

*Have No Fear Little Flock*

**1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**

**2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!**

**3 Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**

**4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

◆ 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Merciful God,** Receive our prayer.

## SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## OFFERING—OFFERTORY—*NOISY* OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church*

◆ OFFERING HYMN v. 3 No. 367  
*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

3 **Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

**C: Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN No. 789  
*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

1 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

2 **We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

3 **You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

4 **Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

**C: 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.**

## BLESSING

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG No. 774  
*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

1 **What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain* **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2 **Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.** *Refrain*

3 **What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.** *Refrain*

*Ringing of Bell*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR— Rev D.J. Chatelaine  
ACOLYTE—Henry Kruger  
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*Come Thou Fount, Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us,  
What a Fellowship What a Joy Divine*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Jennifer Lerfald, Jim Fountaine, Dax Eggert, Larry Walker, Renee Spidahl-Carmichael, & Tim Emerson.*

## CALENDAR

SUNDAY APR 26

Worship - Coffee  
Sunday School



REVELATION Bible Study

SPRING DITCH Clean-Up  
& Taco Lunch



WEDNESDAY APR 29

5:30 pm Confirmation

SATURDAY MAY 2

Synod Assembly-Mankato

SUNDAY MAY 3

Worship – Coffee  
Sunday School

🎵 “**Beau Chant Community Choir** to perform at Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church in Faribault on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets available, Adults \$15 Seniors/Students \$10.00. Contact Judy Heilemann (602) 341-9324 or Carmen Nesseth for tickets.”

## LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY MAY 9

*Willie Dahl Funeral 11 am  
Visitation 9:30 Lunch @ VFW*

SUNDAY MAY 10

*Worship with High School Senior Recognition  
Last Day of Sunday School*

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

*Baccalaureate at FIRST 7:15*

THURSDAYS: MAY 14 & 28

*Love Day 1 pm*

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