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The Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 26, 2026 10:30 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

- AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEFT COLUMN, ELW p. 94

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

ACS #1097

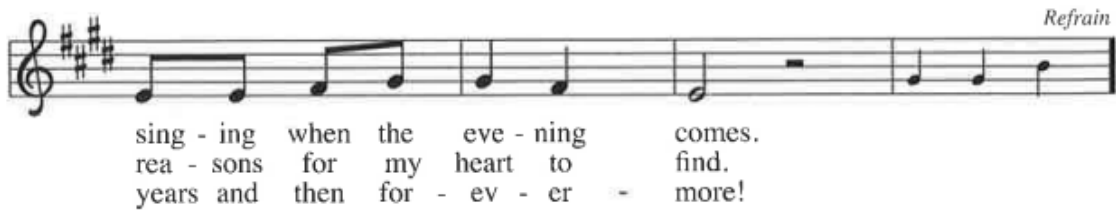
Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end - ing— ten thou-sand



GREETING

ELW p. 138

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: **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: ACTS 2:42-47

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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God**

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 beside 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.**

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.**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:19-25

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. L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the 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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 10th Chapter. C: **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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who

came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
 P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

“Oceans”

♩ = 60 Bm A/C# D A

VERSE

1. You call me out up - on the wa - ters, the great un - known where feet may
 2. Your grace a - bounds in deep - est wa - ters, Your sov - 'reign hand will be my

4 G Bm A/C# D

fail. And there I find You in the mys - 'try, in o - ceans
 guide. Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me, You've nev - er

A G G D A

CHORUS 1

deep, my faith will stand. And I will call up - on Your name
 failed and You won't start now.

11 G D A G D

and keep my eyes a - bove the waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will rest in Your em-

14 A G A Bm A/C# D D/F# A A/C# G6 G6/A

INSTRUMENTAL 1

brace for I am Yours and You are mine.

12 G A Bm A/C# D D/F# A G6 G6/A Bm A/C#

INTERLUDE 1

Yours and You are mine. Oh. And You are mine. Oh.

D D/F# A G6 Bm G D A

INSTRUMENTAL 2

Bm G D

BRIDGE 1a

Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher -

ev - er You would call me. Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith

1, 2 | 3
A A A

will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. ence of my Sav - iour.

G D A

BRIDGE 1b

Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher -

ev - er You would call me. Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith

A Em Bm A

BRIDGE 1c

will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. Spir - it lead me where my trust

is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher - ev - er You would call me.

Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith

A Em Em Bm A

56 **INTERLUDE 2**

will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. ence of my Sav - iour.

D A Em Bm A D

60 Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

A Em G D A

CHORUS 2

65 Oh, Je - sus, yeah. My God. I will call up - on Your name,

G D A G D A

69 keep my eyes a - bove the waves. My soul will rest in Your em - brace. I am

G A Bm A/C# D A G6 Bm D

ENDING

73 Yours and You are mine.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

**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.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer . . .

Prayer Concerns: Laikyn, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

ELW #763

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 145

**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.**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Awesome God”

Em

Am7 Bm7

1. When he rolled up his sleeves, he was - n't "put - tin' on the ritz." Our God is an awe - some
 2. sky was star - less in the void of the night. Our God is an awe - some

Em

God! There is light - ning in his foot - steps and thun - der in his fist. Our
 God! He spoke in - to the dark - ness and cre - ted all the light. Our

Am7

Bm7

Em

Am

God is an awe - some God! And the Lord he was - n't jo - kin' when he kicked 'em out of E - den; It
 God is an awe - some God! Judg - ment and wrath he poured out on So - dom;

Bm

C

Am

was - n't for no rea - son that he shed his blood. His re - turn is ve - ry soon, so you bet - ter be be - lie - vin' that our
 mer - cy and grace he gave us at the cross. I hope that we have not too quick - ly for - got - ten that our

Am7

Bm7

Em

C

G

D

Em

G/D

God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God; he reigns from hea - ven a - bove with
 God is an awe - some God!

C G Am Bm Em C

wis - dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an

G D Em G/D Em G Am Bm

awe - some God; he reigns from hea - ven a - bove with wis - dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe - some

1 Em 2 Em Am Bm Em Am Bm Em

God! And when the God. Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God.

DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Activities this week: April 27 – May 3

- Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
- Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
- Wednesday 5:30 pm – (A) Supper
- 6:00 pm – (A) ROAR
- 6:30 pm – (A) Lenten Service
- Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Communion Worship
- 10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour
- 10:30 am – (E) Communion Worship

Church Announcements

- † Order forms for the **Youth Hanging Basket Fundraiser** were sent in the newsletter and are on the tables next to bulletins. Orders are Due May 1st.
- † Order forms for the **Youth Beef Bouquet Fundraiser** are in the newsletter and are on the table in the narthex of each church. Order from May 1st – June 7th.
- † **All forms and the first payment for the National Youth Gathering trip are due on Monday, May 4th.** Payments can be made out to AES Youth and mailed to the church office, placed in the drop box in the back of Augustana, or turned in during regular office hours.
- † **BLESS A CAMPER:** If you are able and want to help our youth go to summer camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, please consider taking an envelope from the posters at East or Augustana. Any questions, contact Tricia Anderson at 507-220-8236. Thank you!
- † **Pr. Mandy will be on vacation** Monday, April 27th – Sunday, May 10th.
Deacon Lyla Klee is on call and will be our pulpit supply for May 3rd and 10th.
- † **Noisy offering** is TODAY! Bring in your loose change! Donations go to Bless a Camper!
- † **WELLSPRING Faith In Action** Coffee & Conversation Event in partnership with Watonwan County Adult Protection Team, Weds. April 29th @ 3:00 pm at the Watonwan County Library Meeting Room, St. James . AARP of Minnesota, Trends in Fraud & Identity Theft: Artificial Intelligence. Please RSVP WELLSPRING @ (507)375-1276.
- † The **St. James Ambulance Association invites you to Donkey Basketball!!** May 4 at the St. James High School Event Center. Doors open at 6p and the games begin at 7p. This promises to be a night of laughter and hijinks as local teachers, students, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS members, hospital staff and maybe a politician or two take part in a few games of basketball seated on the backs of donkeys!! Concessions will be available. Also look for the 50/50 raffle and grab your First Responder Fan Club t-shirt!! Come on out for a great time and support your local WeeWoo (ambulance) Crew! Presale tickets are \$10 and are available at Pioneer Bank, First National Bank and St. James High school. At the door tickets will be \$15.