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Welcome to Worship :: April 26, 2026— 4th Sunday of Easter

**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In April we are supporting our local chapter of the Special Olympics. Special Olympics provides opportunities for its participants to feel empowered, to become leaders, and to be fully included. Thank you for supporting Special Olympics this month.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Janet Lowe, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Charlotte Volz, Richard Schlicher, Eloise Swisher, Cecil Lovdahl, the family and friends of Tim Greene

Wednesday Bible Study in May

A new Bible Study will begin in May on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM in Pastor's Study.

Join us as we discover God as creator throughout scripture

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Confession and Forgiveness
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

The Word/Prayer

Greeting
Kyrie: ELW Setting 8, page 184
Hymn of Praise, ELW Setting 8, page 187

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 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

Acts 2:43-47; Psalm 23
Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 8, page 188
John 10:1-10

Sermon
Hymn: ELW 790, Day by Day
Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession
Offering Prayer
Offering Hymn: ELW 692, We Are an Offering

Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 8, page 190
Preface
"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 8, page 190
Communion Prayer
Lord's Prayer
"Lamb of God", ELW Setting 8, page 191
Distribution
Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction
Closing Hymn: ELW 767, Lord, take my Hand and Lead Me
Dismissal

Acts 2:42-47

42 They 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.

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 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.

John 10:1-10

10 "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.