

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Lewisville, Texas

To be a home where Love of God and Neighbor grows.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

APRIL 26, 2026 10:00 AM

For Your Children:

- Nursery: Our staffed Nursery is available to children up to four years old from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Angel Buddy Bags - Angel Buddy Bags with activities are located in the Narthex for children ages 5-7 years.
- Children's Chapel is offered during the school year at the 11:00 am services for children ages 4-7.

Christian Formation

- Christian Formation is offered during the school year for ages four to adult from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. To locate a class, please see an Usher.

Receiving Communion in the Episcopal Church:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at our Lord's table. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to the Altar rail. If you would like a blessing, but not communion, come up, cross your arms, and we will pray for you. If you have trouble kneeling, please remain standing at the altar rail. If you have trouble walking, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to your seat.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT - Please let an Usher know if you are gluten intolerant, and they will arrange to have a gluten free wafer and wine available to you at the altar rail.

• Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistance devices are available through our ushers before services.

• Silence Electronic Devices

Please make sure all electronic devices are on SILENT before the worship service begins.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude	<i>Trumpet Tune in F Major</i>	Roy Brunner
Opening Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!</i>	Hymnal 390
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis		BCP 356/Hymnal S278
Collect of the Day		BCP 225
The First Reading		Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 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, 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.

The Psalm **Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his 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 spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle **I Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 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. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Sequence Hymn

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Hymnal 708

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Homily

Rev. Carolyn Bartkus

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form V

BCP 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Robert our own Bishop, for all bishops, for Carolyn our own Priest and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially our President, Donald and our governor, Greg, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in our community in special needs of prayer especially....Alan, Anne, Beth, Betsy, Bill, Chad, Connie, David, Don, Ellen, Eric, Frank, Gabe and Angel, Gail, Hilde, Janey, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, Joan, Kallie, Karen, Keegan, Kevin, Laura, Levi, Lori, Lucia, Marcelle, Margaret, Marian, Mark, McMellian Family, Melissa, Nancy, Nicia, Owen, Pam, Paul, Penny, Polly, Ray, Rick, Rob, Ron, Sally, Sam, Susan, Tatum, Terry, and Zoey, we pray to you, O Lord.

We ask you to watch over those in the service of our country...Alton, Andrew, Brandon, Charles, Cody, Cole, Devin, Gabe, Hannah, Houston, Jaden, Kyle, Laney, Liam, Nyah, Owen, Rachel, Richard, Robert, Tony, and Will, we pray to you, O Lord.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week... Mercia Ahearn, Jessie Aynes, Lucy Fisher, Denise Gumbert-Glore, John Herron, John Anthony Romo, Caralina Saito, Rachel Smith, Joe Vogel, and Gabby Yuoh, we pray to you, O Lord.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week . . . Don and Dorthy Blythe, Jonathan and Sarah Gesell, Ian and Bonnie Refo, Doug and Donna Wolfe, Larry, and Nancy Woodall.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer . . . we pray for Church of The Church of Nigeria.

In the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas . . . we pray for St. Mary's – Irving, Our Merciful Savior – Kaufman, and St. James on the Lake – Kemp.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, remembering especially Karen Tucker, and all those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Altar Flowers are given by Steve Giovanni and Sarah Ledbetter in celebration of Dominic Giovanni and Nikki Rouse's 31st birthdays and recent betrothal.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Peace

BCP 360

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Prayer:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements

Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Doxology

verse 3

Hymnal 380

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist Prayer A)		BCP 361
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	BCP 367/Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		BCP 364/Hymnal S155
Communion		
Communion Hymn	<i>Celtic Laud</i>	Courtney/Buffington
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Hymnal 488
Prayer after Communion		BCP 365
Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer		
	<i>When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent from the table to take Communion to those who are home-bound or hospitalized, the following prayer will be said:</i>	
Celebrant:	In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.	
People:	We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.	
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	Hymnal 376
Postlude	<i>Cantar – Sing Alleluia!</i>	Althouse/Buffington

Parish Life and Leadership

Help us grow! We are delighted to announce the addition of **The Friends and Family Garden** to our church campus. We need your support! Please stop by our table in the narthex after services on April 26 and May 3 to get more details. Looking for a unique, meaningful way to honor the moms in your life? This is it! 🌹

ANNUNCIATION BOOK CLUB (ABC) next meeting is Monday, May 11th at 6:30 PM in the Oratory Chapel, and our book is **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi.

Service and Outreach

Outreach Corner – Dianne Aynes, Outreach Coordinator

Today we begin our KIDS EAT FREE collections for CCA. Drop-off boxes will be available in the Narthex thru mid-May.

Volunteers Needed: Life Skills at Kyle's Place (May & June)

We're offering Life Skills classes for the teens at Kyle's Place, and we need volunteer teams to help make these evenings happen.

Woodworking: Thursday, May 14, 6–7 p.m. (Oratory Chapel)

We need a small team to plan and lead a quick, fun, hands on activity introducing basic woodworking tools and safe tool handling, especially using the tools in their new kits.

Work Skills: Thursday, June 25, 6–7 p.m. (Oratory Chapel)

We also need a team to plan and lead a Work Skills activity. Meg Mueller has already volunteered—now we need a few more people to round out the team.

If you can help with either date, please contact Dianne Aynes at dianneaynes@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting these young people.

KIDS EAT FREE: April – Mid May We are collecting shelf-stable food. Please bring food and place in box in the Narthex: Currently needed are: mini cereal boxes, instant oatmeal, microwaveable Mac & Cheese, Ravioli, ramen noodle cups, applesauce, granola bars, individual packages of breakfast bars, chips, gold fish, crackers.

Sunday, June 28th (one day only!) – we will be collecting fresh fruit

Thank you for considering these opportunities! Please contact me with questions and to volunteer/brainstorm any of these activities (dianneaynes@gmail.com).

Navajo Ministry – Year 43

The Navajo Ministry team will serve in Bluff July 4–10. We depart Friday, arrive Saturday, worship and prepare Sunday, work on campus projects Monday–Thursday, and host evening dinners/programs Monday–Wednesday before returning home Friday.

Volunteers needed: chef, Christian Formation leaders, and helpers for small repairs, painting, and yardwork. For more information about supporting the Episcopal Church in Navajoland, contact Mary Ann DuTeil at Mauigirltx@gmail.com.

Children and Families

We would love to celebrate our graduates!

If your child is graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know. Include their name, where they are graduating from, and their plans for next year (college, career, military, etc.). This information will help us recognize and honor their accomplishments as a church community.

If possible, please share in three sentences or fewer a few achievements your child is proud of or feels successful about as they graduate, so we can highlight them with our church family. **Please let us know by May 8, 2026.**

On May 17th, families are also invited to create a tri-fold display board to showcase their graduate. Boards may include photos, memories, achievements, and future plans. These will be displayed in the Oratory Chapel on Sunday May 17th before and after both services for everyone to enjoy. Please email Karen Synder at oso1269@aol.com and churchoffice@annunciationlewisville.org We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you! Beth Parker, Director of Children's Ministries.

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