

Worship Service ~ April 26, 2026, 9:00

Fourth Sunday of Easter

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Lindsay & Jeff Schipper in honor of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

PRELUDE *"Sing A Jubilant Song"* by Jay Althouse; FAME;
Linda Burk, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY BAPTISM OF HUDSON KILPELA

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *YOU NEVER LET GO*

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us prayer.

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.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hope of the Nations” Worship Band

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READING

R: A reading from Acts.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 10th chapter of John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 10:1-10

[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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #782 *MY SHEPHERD YOU SUPPLY MY NEED*

MUSICAL OFFERING ELW #780: *Shepherd me O God* by Marty Haugen; Faith Choir; soloists; Alan Ball, organ; Linda Burk, director

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OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD walk beside you to comfort you, above you to watch over you, behind you to lift you up, and before you to lead the way.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #362 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING
stz 1, 2, 4 Hymntune: Salzburg

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE on "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (ELW #362)

Take this week's quiz! Find more at

<https://www.christianbiblereference.org/biblequizzes.html>

1) Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is _____." (NRSV)

- a) a thief and a bandit
- b) a servant of the evil one
- c) the least in the kingdom of heaven
- d) the wolf that attacks in the night

2) "The one who enters by the gate is _____ of the sheep." (NRSV)

- a) the keeper
- b) the shepherd
- c) the savior
- d) a leader

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