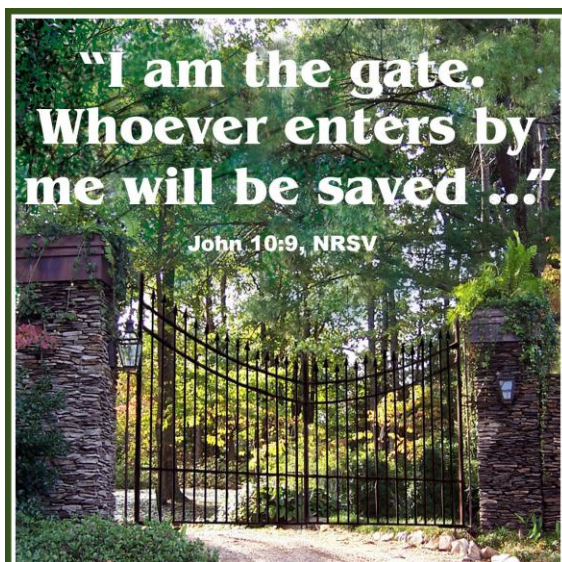


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Fourth Sunday after Easter  
April 26, 2026  
10:45 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.  
If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Gathering Music**

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Hustad

## **Easter Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Invitation to Worship**

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John that he is the Gate and the Good Shepherd. Jesus doesn't call us to a life of restriction, but to a life of protection, purpose, and profound belonging. We aren't here by accident; we have been called into the fold by the one who promised that we might have life - and have it to the full. Let us worship the Good Shepherd together.

## **Commissioning of LDR Mission Trip Leaders**

Friends, today we send out these individuals as ambassadors of our faith and our love. They go to serve, to listen, and to witness.

Do you commit yourself to this mission with humility and a servant's heart?  
**We do, with God's help.**

Members of Holy Spirit, will you support these servants with your prayers, encourage them in their weariness, and welcome them home with joy?

**We will. We go with you in spirit.**

You aren't just traveling; you are being sent. As you go to York, remember that you carry the light of this community with you.

Be adaptable: When things don't go as planned, look for the grace in the chaos.

Be attentive: Look for the stories that aren't being told.

Be humble: Remember that you are going to learn just as much as you are going to serve.

We commission you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May your hands and hearts be the hands and heart of Jesus.

**Amen**

**Gathering Hymn**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing**

**ELW 385**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Greeting

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

## Hymn of Praise

## This is the Feast

## ELW Setting 3

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

We pray.

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**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Acts 2:42-27

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Acts.

The 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  
through 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

A reading from First Peter.

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures 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 good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. 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, having died to 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

ELW Setting 3



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

“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.

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp

*Please rise in body or spirit.*



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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## **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 the People**

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,  
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition:

Loving Shepherd,  
**hear our prayer.**

Pastor's closing prayer:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers  
to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen**

## **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the  
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

### **Musical Offering**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Spirit Voices*

Thomson

### **Offering Prayer**

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

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

### Holy, Holy, Holy

### ELW Setting 3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

## Word in Meal

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High, now and forever.  
**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

We pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

*The assembly is seated.*

### Distribution of Communion

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The assembly may remain seated.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

We pray.

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

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**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **RITE OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

### ***Leader:***

Our church family is ever changing.

Loved ones are born into the family and loved ones come to the end of their lives.

Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Today we celebrate the gifts you have brought to us as one of our pastors.

Your ministry among us has embodied a faithful spirit. Today we give thanks for the ways you have honored your ordination vows and blessed so many people in this congregation:

preaching the gospel,

administering the sacraments,

forgiving sins,

keeping confidence,

affirming questions,

inviting prayer,

holding boundaries,

blessing the chaos,

and helping others experience safety, challenge, and love in the body of Christ.

**Pastor Cindy:**

Dear friends in Christ, you called me to be your pastor and entrusted to me the responsibilities of the ordained ministry in your midst. I have been among you to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins. I have been among you to proclaim the good news. I have been among you to lead worship and preside at the Holy Communion.

**Release from Call (Leader:)**

We are glad for the relationships you have built in this community;  
your pastoral leadership in our joys, sorrow, and growth;  
and the spiritual connections you have to members of the congregation  
and their families.

But today your role in the lives of these members is changed. You are no longer their pastor, which means you must decline the invitation to officiate their baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals.

Do you promise to honor this boundary for the sake of the health of this congregation and its leadership?

**I do.**

Do you receive our grace and release for anything that feels unfinished in your ministry here?

**I do.**

Do you trust our gratitude as you move forward into a new chapter of life and ministry elsewhere.

**I do.**

**Prayer**

We pray. Gracious God, bless your servant Pastor Cindy. Surround her with our gratitude and love in this season of change, that she would sense your presence and delight in her daily life. Thank you for giving Pastor Cindy to us to know as a sibling in Christ, a steward of your mysteries and a worker for peace. We release her from her call to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, trusting that you will continue to use Pastor Cindy to bless the church and the world through Jesus, who is transformed and transforms us.

**Amen**

*Acclamations and gifts follow.*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Blessing**

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.

**Amen**

**Sending Hymn** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Sending Music**

Postludium

Young

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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