

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Fourth Sunday after Easter  
April 26, 2026  
8:30 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**

My Good Shepherd Is the Lord  
Spirit of Praise

Bagenfelt

## **Easter Greeting**

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Invitation to Worship**

The Lord calls to us, not as a stranger, but as a friend who knows our names. We recognize his voice and we follow. Many voices try to distract us or lead us astray, but Jesus is the gate; through him, we find safety and rest. 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**

Optional descant

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs). It consists of eight systems of music. The lyrics are: "I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies. I will call up-on the Lord. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed." The score includes an "Optional descant" at the beginning. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final system ends with a double bar line.

I will call up - on the Lord

I will call up - on the Lord who is wor - thy to be

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va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock,

and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.

## **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

We pray. Loving God,

**thank you for being the Shepherd who calls us by name.**

**Help us to recognize your voice today above all the noise and distractions.**

**We choose to follow you, trusting that you lead us toward safety and peace.**

**Keep us from paths that steal our joy,**

**and help us to live fully in the abundant life you have promised.**

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

**Reading** Acts 2:42-47

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!**

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

**Gospel** John 10:1-10

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, 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.

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp

*We rise in body or spirit.*

*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Refrain*

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Refrain*

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-cv - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## 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 Offering Song, 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.*

C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F Gsus G C/E

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Am G C<sup>2</sup>/E

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F<sup>2</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Dm<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Gsus G

Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

<sup>2</sup>Gsus G C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B

God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

## Offering Prayer

Lord of the pasture,  
we thank you that you do not call us as strangers, but you call us by name.  
We recognize your voice in the midst of a noisy world.  
Take these gifts and use them to open gates for others –  
to provide for the hungry, to comfort the lonely,  
and to show the world the way to your green pastures.  
May our lives and our resources reflect the 'abundant life' found only in you.  
**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

Keeper of our souls,  
**call us back to your flock when we go astray.**

Lord, you are our shepherd.  
**We are Christ's sheep.**

The shepherd shelters us in green pastures.  
**In Christ we dwell secure.**

The shepherd nourishes us and restores our souls.  
**Christ is our Shepherd and gate to the Most High.**

## Words of Institution

## **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**

## **Invitation to the Table**

Come, for the Shepherd has laid the table,  
the way is open, and the life offered here is full.

All are welcome,  
come and eat.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of Communion**



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



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 - joyce.  
 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.

*The assembly may remain seated.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

We pray.

Thank you for this meal. You have called us each by name and led us to this table, the quiet waters of your grace. In this bread and cup, we have heard your voice, and we recognize you as our true provider.

May we live this week as sheep who know their Shepherd, confident that you go before us and that your goodness follows us.

**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**

May the Lord go before you. Just as the Shepherd walks ahead of his sheep,  
may you feel his presence clearing the path before you today.  
You do not have to figure out the way on your own;  
may you have the peace of a follower who trusts the Leader.  
**Amen**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

May we recognize the Shepherd's voice in the cry of the needy,  
in the silence of prayer, and in the faces of our neighbors.  
We are known, we are called, and we are led.  
**Thanks be to God.**



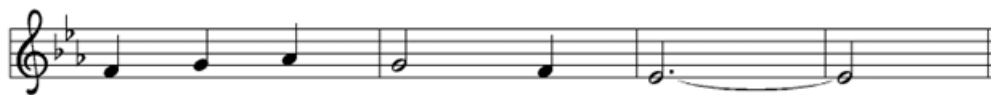
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



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.

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