

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*April 26, 2026*

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS** – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

553 The Lord's My Shepherd

CW 553



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth  
 walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -  
 fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy  
 of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -  
 fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -



me the qui - et wa - ters by. He lead - eth  
 ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the  
 rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art  
 noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou  
 more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's



me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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*Please stand if you are able*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.


<sup>46</sup>Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## 23F My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23F




1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he  
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -  
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when  
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will  
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his  
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings  
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.  
or a guest but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.

Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, ed. William Walker

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14



### Refrain



I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

### Refrain

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## Gospel

John 10:1–10

<sup>1</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup>“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

# 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 You spread a table in my sight,  
a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight;  
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.

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## Sermon

1 Peter 2:19-25

### **“The Good Shepherd’s Way Is For You”**

*Please stand, if you are able*

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PIANO DUET**

**“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Please be seated*

## 836 I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way, no - where I rest se -  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, they shield me and be -



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is  
 tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the  
 cure - ly; he comes by night, he comes by day, he  
 friend me; all Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay when



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me. They are my sure de - fense;



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to  
 I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my  
 in death's strong grasp may lie to face e - ter - ni -  
 all fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day; grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
his guidance never fails me;  
within his wounds I find a stay  
when Satan's pow'r assails me;  
and by his footsteps led,  
my path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
await, my soul, the morrow,  
when you at last with joy can say  
farewell to sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
my walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.  
Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1708, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen  
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## Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## 704 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW 704



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, to his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to  
 e'er con - form; heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun - shine  
 sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens  
 from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,  
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,  
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,  
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,



bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and  
 we shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, and the fears that  
 flesh and blood and die to sin, and the grave that  
 where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us



hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 now an - noy shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I  
 shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,



Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 suf - fer here with thee; there, O share thy joy with me.  
 here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

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