



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 – 11:00 AM

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus gives us not only the comfort of His care but the clarity of His cross, declaring in today's Gospel, "*I am the door of the sheep.*" He alone is the entrance into the Father's fold, the passage from death to life, the doorway shaped by the wood and wounds of Calvary. Many voices promise greener pastures or easier paths, yet only the Shepherd's voice calls us by name and leads us through His cross into the life He alone can give. As the first Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the breaking of bread, and as David sang of the Shepherd who restores the soul, so we gather today to hear Christ's voice and to enter again through the Door—Jesus crucified and risen for us.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

[Jesus said:] "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." (**John 10:9**)

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – Special Music

JuBELLation Handbell Choir

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 23:1; John 10:9, 3; 1 Peter 2:25

P The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C Christ is the door; through Him we are saved.

P *“The sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name.”*

C We return to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

P *“If anyone enters by Me, he will go in and out and find pasture.”*

C Lead us, O Christ, through Your cross into your abundant life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 10:7; Psalm 23:1; 1 Peter 2:25

P Jesus said, *“I am the door of the sheep.”*

C The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P Yet we confess that we have not always entered by His way. We have listened to voices that do not lead to life, and we have wandered from the Shepherd who calls us by name. Let us come before our gracious God in repentance.

P Good Shepherd, You call Your sheep to hear Your voice, but we have listened to the voices of fear, pride, and self-will.

C Good Shepherd, have mercy on us and forgive us.

- P** You lead us in paths of righteousness, yet we have chosen paths that pleased ourselves and harmed others.
- C** **Good Shepherd, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** You set before us the door of Your cross, but we have sought other doors—doors of our own making, doors that cannot save.
- C** **Good Shepherd, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** You have called us to follow You in faith, but we have trusted our own understanding and resisted Your leading.
- C** **Good Shepherd, have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** Hear the promise of your Shepherd: *“You were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”* Your Good Shepherd has borne your sins in His body on the tree. By His wounds you are healed. Therefore, as a called and ordained 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.
- C** **Amen. The Lord is our Shepherd; in Him we dwell secure.**

INTROIT

Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

- P** I am the good shepherd.
- C** **I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.**
- P** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
- C** **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- P** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
- C** **let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- P** For the Lord is a great God,
- C** **and a great King above all gods.**
- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
- C** **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

P For he is our God,
C and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I am the good shepherd.
C **I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Remember us, O Lord, not for what we deserve, but because You have begun Your good work in us. As You have called us to follow Your example of humble service, make us worthy of our calling; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Great I Am”

- 1 I want to be close, close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I want to hear voices of angels above singing as one
- 2, 4, 6, 7 Hallelujah, holy, holy
God Almighty, the great I Am
Who is worthy, none beside Thee
God Almighty, the great I Am
- 3 I want to be near, near to Your heart
Loving the world and hating the dark
I want to see dry bones living again singing as one
- 5 The mountains shake before You, the demons run in fear
At the mention of the name King of Majesty
There is no power in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the presence of the great I Am
Great I Am, great I Am
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FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

(The life of the first Christians includes learning and fellowship.)

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

L ¹The LORD is my shepherd;

C **I shall not want.**

L ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C **He leads me beside still waters.**

L ³He restores my soul.

C **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

L ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L ⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

C **you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

L ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19-25

(Christ, who suffered for us, sets an example for us.)

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C death no longer has dominion over Him.

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

(Jesus says He is the gate of the sheep.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

OFFERTORY – “Jesus, You are Lord” Romans 10:12

- 1, 2 Jesus, You are Lord, Jesus You are holy
 Jesus, You are Lord, Jesus You are holy
- 3, 5, 6 And I praise Your name, and I praise Your name
 For You are Lord, You are Lord
- 4 Jesus, precious Lord, send Your Holy Spirit
 Jesus, precious Lord, send Your Holy Spirit
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Good Shepherd, Your Son is the Door of the sheep, who calls His own by name and leads them into life. Grant Your Church steadfast ears to hear His voice, hearts that trust His care, and lives that follow where He leads.
Gracious Shepherd,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Shepherd of souls, bless all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers. Give them wisdom, tenderness, and courage as they proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Strengthen Your people to receive their shepherds as gifts from Your hand and to walk together in unity of faith.
Merciful Shepherd,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guardian of the flock, look with favor upon all Christian homes. Preserve husbands and wives in faithfulness and love; equip parents to teach their children Your Word; uphold the unmarried in purity and honor; and let every household reflect the peace and protection of Your fold. Loving Shepherd,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, You hold all authority in Your hands. Grant wisdom to our president, our governor, and all who serve in public office. Protect those who defend us, uphold justice, and work for the common good. Let peace and righteousness flourish in our land. Mighty Shepherd,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You gather us into the fellowship of Your Word and call us to intercede for one another. Hear our prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____. Grant them healing according to Your will, patience in their trials, and confidence in Your unfailing care. Caring Shepherd,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, You seek the lost and restore the straying. Add to Your Church those who are being saved, strengthen the weak, and bring back those who have wandered. Let the voice of Christ be heard in every place, and let His Gospel open the door of life to all. Saving Shepherd,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of life, You promise that goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days. Comfort those who mourn with the hope of the resurrection and the assurance that Your sheep dwell secure in Your keeping forever. Good Shepherd,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

CLOSING COLLECT

P O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, You call us by name and lead us through the door of Your cross into life. Abide with us always; guard us from every danger; and keep our ears attentive to Your voice, that we may follow You in faith and rest secure in Your care. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG – “House of the Lord”

- 1 We worship the God who was
 We worship the God who is
 We worship the God who evermore will be
 He opened the prison doors
 He parted the raging sea
 My God, He holds the victory
- 2, 4, 7, 8 There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 And we won't be quiet
 We shout out Your praise
 There's joy in the house of the Lord
 Our God is surely in this place
 And we won't be quiet
 We shout out Your praise
- 3 We sing to the God who heals
 We sing to the God who saves
 We sing to the God who always makes a way
 'Cause He hung up on that cross
 Then He rose up from that grave
 Our God's still rolling stones away
- 5, 6 'Cause we were the beggars
 Now we're royalty
 We were the prisoners
 Now we're running free
 We are forgiven, accepted
 Redeemed by His grace
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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