

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026 A.D.  
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in  
Worldwide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

**OPENING HYMN** “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (LSB 685)

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

**FIRST READING** *Acts 2:42–47* (The life of the first Christians includes learning and fellowship.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** "The Lord Is My Shepherd" ... Allen Pote  
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Peter 2:19–25* (Christ, who suffered for us, sets an example for us.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**

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

**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**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.**

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON HYMN** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709)

**SERMON** "Good Little Sheep" (*John 10:1-10*)  
*Pastor Sam Handschke*

**CREED**

8:30 *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

11:00 *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE**



## RITE OF CONFIRMATION 11:00

Chisum George Brakke	<i>Philippians 4:13</i>
Jett Thomas Brakke	<i>Psalms 46:1</i>
Tracen Kenneth Brock	<i>Jeremiah 29:11</i>
Connor Andrew Coppersmith	<i>Jeremiah 29:11-12</i>
Matthew James Eberhard	<i>Proverbs 1:17</i>
Henry Todd Fuoss	<i>Matthew 28:20b</i>
Charly Marie Hatheway	<i>Romans 14:8</i>
Spencer Eisenhower Koch	<i>1 Peter 2:24</i>
Jayden Grady Lunstra	<i>Proverbs 3:5-6</i>
Jerrick Zander Nickerson	<i>Mark 9:23</i>
Isabella Diane Rose Paul	<i>John 16:16</i>
Gracyn Ann Skjonsberg	<i>Isaiah 41:10</i>
Hannah Rosemary Vasilie	<i>John 11:25-26</i>



*(Please stand)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Loving Father, Your Son is the great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers His flock to Himself in the pastures of the Church. Grant us steadfast faith to hear His voice and follow Him, even through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may receive our portion in His abundant life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious God, bestow the gift of Christ's wisdom and tenderness upon all who are called to shepherd the souls of Your people. Teach believers



everywhere to receive their pastors as a gift from You and to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, hear our prayers for all Christian homes. Preserve all married couples in love and faithfulness [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]; strengthen all parents for their task as teachers of the faith; uphold the unmarried honorable and unashamed in their station; and with good deeds in every home, let the ignorance of foolish people be put to silence by Your divine institution. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Author of life, You gather us together in the fellowship of Christ and His apostolic Word and so lead us to intercede for one another in every need. Hear our prayers for the Church and for the world [*especially for* \_\_\_\_\_]. Work by Your mercy for their good now and eternally, and add to our number those who are being saved, until You bring us to the day when we will rest eternally in Your safekeeping. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Father of glory, You have promised to prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies and to fill our cup of salvation to overflowing. Bless all who receive the Sacrament at this altar this day, that even amid sin, death and the devil, Your goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our lives, and we may dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

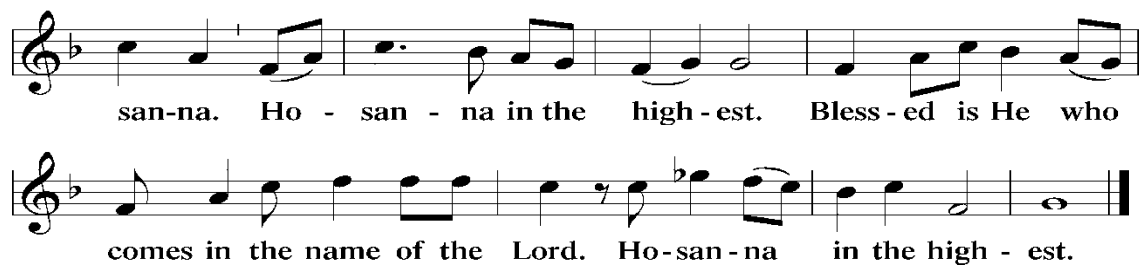
The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.



**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand





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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

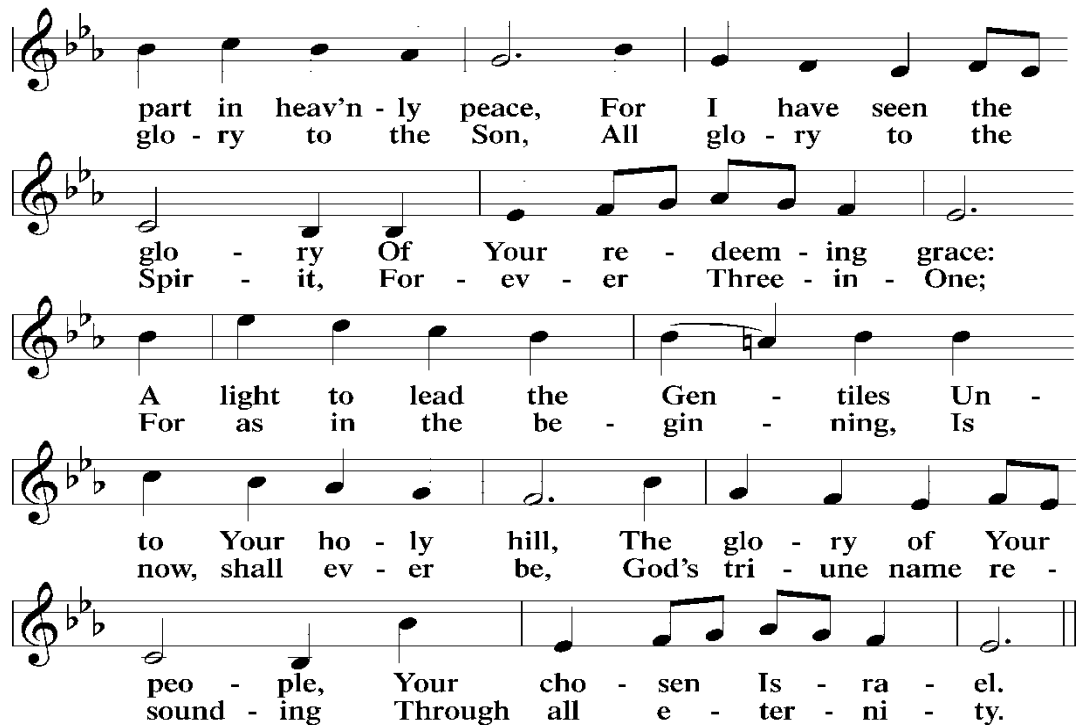
- "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)  
"Shepherd of Tender Youth" (LSB 864)  
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)



*(Please stand)*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

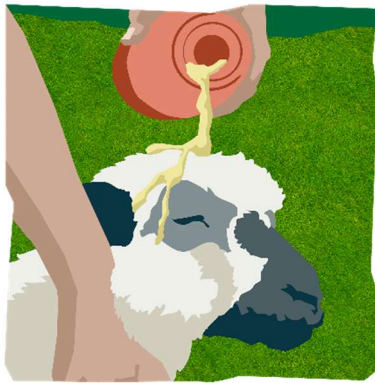
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (LSB 525)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**AS WE GATHER** One of the longest lasting of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the Pharos Lighthouse that was constructed at the entry of the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt, in the third century BC. Although weakened by a series of earthquakes, it remained standing in part until AD 1480. Initially, its source of light was the brightness of the sun reflected in a great mirror by day and the flames of a great wood fire reflected by the same mirror at night. The gradual disintegration of the tower, initially some 330 feet in height, finally extinguished its light. As He spoke with His disciples, Jesus described Himself as the light that never will be extinguished. John reports: "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life'" (John 8:12). On our journey through this dark world, we are blessed to have the light of Christ as our unfailing guide. It truly is the light no darkness can overcome.

*My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows. LSB 710:4*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.  
*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday of Easter!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching this morning** is Rev. Samuel Handschke. Pastor Handschke will also be preaching at Trinity, Blunt, between our services.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Wed. Apr. 15, Att. Not recorded;** Offering \$120.00; **Sun., Apr. 19, Att. 239;** General Fund \$12,281.63; Sunday School \$0.00; Good Friday \$100.00;

Building Fund \$440.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$7020.00; Organ Fund \$600.00; Bus Maintenance \$50.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Forever Young \$96.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$20.00, (Generations) \$300.00, (Foundations) \$100.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



**Board of Stewardship Appreciation Supper Open Invitation** for all staff, volunteers, board members, etc. Please join us for a thank you supper May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 pm.

**Calling all kids** that are interested in attending Camp Minneboji; June 21st thru 26th or Circuit Bible Camp July 13-15th! Please reach out to Jessica Paul 605-222-8738. We are going to do a bake sale for Mother's Day and would love for all kids to be able to help earn their camp experience.



**Let's make a new cookbook!** It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. There is a table in the Narthex with forms for your recipes. Take as many as you like. We need your favorite recipes, old and new! Please write legibly so recipes may be printed accurately. It is nice for relatives to see your names and recipes in the cookbook. Sometimes they find just the recipe they remembered and were looking for. We will take our time assembling this cookbook but please start submitting recipes so we can get started.

## Newsletter DEADLINE

All items to be included in the June Newsletter must be to Helen by **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. This includes any educational items, youth news, parish fellowship events, Bibles studies, etc., etc. Anything that you want the congregation to be informed about during the month of June should be included.



**Building Healthy Families:** *“I have learned now that while those who speak about one’s miseries usually hurt, those who keep silence hurt more.”* (C.S. Lewis) If you’re alive and old enough to read this, you’ve probably experienced the deep pain of losing someone you love. The Gospel, God’s ministering through His Spirit, the support of a pastor, and the love of family and friends help us heal. But sometimes – for a variety of important reasons – the pain of grief doesn’t resolve and we feel stuck. If this is true for you or someone you know, call us. Lutheran Family Service offers specialized care in Sioux Falls and via telehealth throughout the state for complicated or unresolved grief. Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081**

**Main Street Living** “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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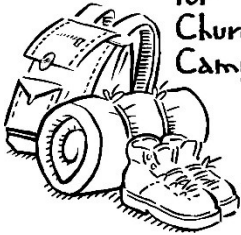
*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00am - “Song of the Night”** - A son's accident causes his family to question everything.

**10:30 AM - Rev. Daniel Grimmer**, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD, presents a message titled “Are You Prepared?”. The sermon is based on John 10:11-16. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** “Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## Faith Lutheran Youth



Sign up  
for  
Church  
Camp

**Camp Minneboji** is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year’s camp theme is “Lifted Up”. The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor’s Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.



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### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: Apr. 26**

8:30 am Worship  
 9:30-10:45 am Confirmation Recept.  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Confirmation/Communion  
 5-7 pm SLA Meeting in Gym

**Mon: Apr. 27**

5:00 pm Daycare Meeting in Gym

**Tues: Apr. 28**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
 6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

**Wed: Apr. 29**

6:00 pm *Galatians* Study in homes  
 6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: Apr. 30**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

**Sun: May 3**

8:30 am Communion  
 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am Voter's Assembly  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:00 pm Pastor Farewell Potluck  
 5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Board of Elders

