

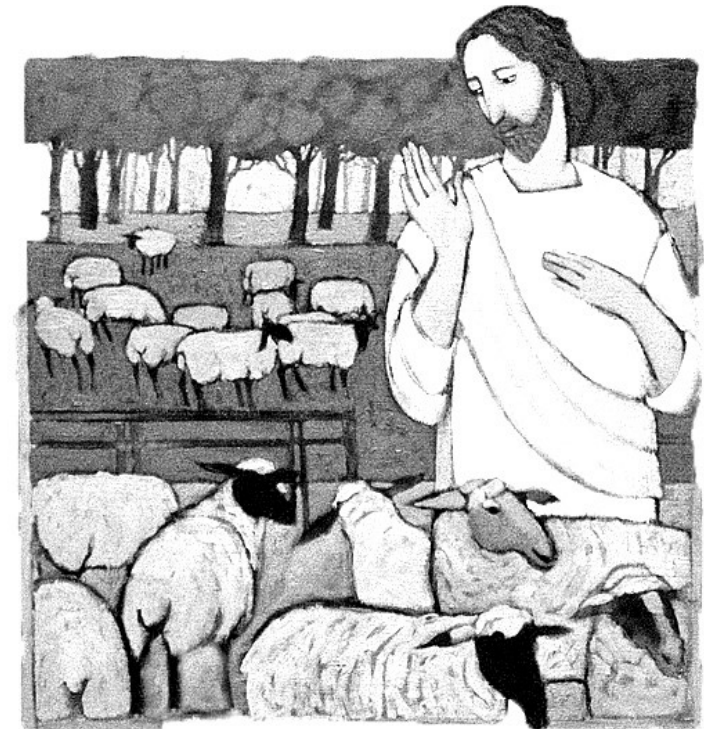
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Time prior to the start of the liturgy is a time for quiet meditation and prayer.

Prelude (10:30)

Entrance Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 205

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis (8:30)

BCP 356

Gloria in excelsis (10:30)

S280

The Salutation & The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been 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 by 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Lectors

April 26

8:30 Jesse Pyle

10:30 Elaine Richau (1)

Jennifer Snyder-Haas (2)

May 3

8:30 Paul Hojnacki

10:30 Joe Spina (1)

Marji Torrell (2)

Fr. Mike is always available on his cell phone, 443-797-5422. Confession is available by appointment.

The Parish Announcements

Strawberry Festival/Chicken BBQ

Mark your calendars! Our 2026 Strawberry Festival & Chicken Barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, June 20. We will need your help once again in planning, setting up, serving and cleanup. It isn't too early to start thinking about donations for our popular basket raffle. The goal is for baskets to have a minimum value of about \$40. We will also have letters available to take to area businesses for donation requests. Please speak to Pat Lalonde or Nancy Cich for more information.

Music Director Search Committee

Our interim Music Director, Trevor, will be ending his time with us in early August. We are seeking members of the parish who are interested in being a part of the Search Committee. Please feel free to contact David Campbell (dcamp649@gmail.com) or Elaine Richau (wegmom54@aol.com) if you are interested. (Don't be surprised if David asks you personally!)

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

The psalm will be read responsively by half-verse.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

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

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure 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 right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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, free from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 663

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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 the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Parish Prayer List: David Noller, Jim Cosbey, Darlene, Kim Greene, Nekka Scott, Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev'd Canon Wadie Far, Mimy Butler, Rev. Ellen Montgomery, Paul Verostko, Tracy and Richard Sawicki, Beth Regan, Cynthia Lipsius Gembola.

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (10:30)

"Brother James' Air"

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus (10:30)

S130

Agnus Dei (10:30)

S164

✠ The Communion of the Faithful ✠

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. If you would like to come forward for a blessing, please approach the altar with your arms crossed in front of your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak to Father Mike or Mother Elizabeth. If you cannot come to the altar, please raise a hand and we will come to you.

Communion Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 317

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, **heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

People: Amen.

Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 708

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary (10:30)