



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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He Lives to be My Good Shepherd

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don’t worry; most of those worshipping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children’s Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding
Preacher
Organist
Instrumentalists
Soloist**

Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Pastor Collin Vanderhoof
David Porth
Sarah Mayer, Pat Renner
Audrey Balza

Morning Prayer

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'_as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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Stand

Easter Acclamation

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



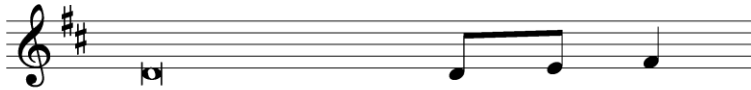
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



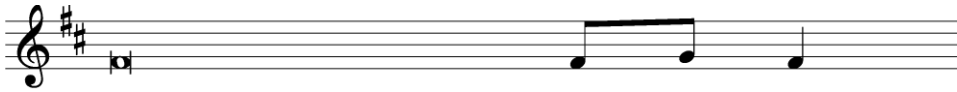
Easter Christ is risen from the dead:



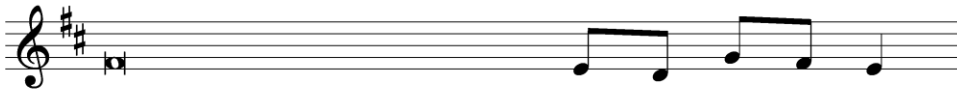
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

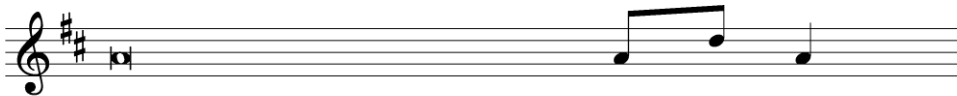
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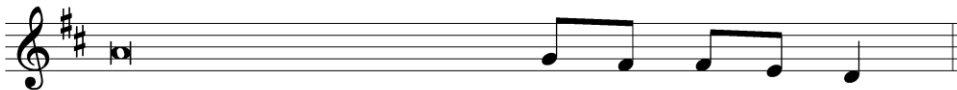
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

Confession

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

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.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

8:00am, Verses sung by the Adult Choir

Shepherd of My Heart

Setting by Francis Patrick O'Brien

1. *My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want;
green are the pastures where I'm led to repose.
Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul.
I am led onward in ways true to the Name.*

Refrain



Guide me, O shep-herd of my heart; lead me home-ward through the
dark, in-to ev-er-last-ing, day. Show me the way of truth and
light; keep me al-ways in your sight. May my life nev-er
part from the shep-herd of my heart.

2. *If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness,
no evil shall I fear with God at my side.
There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort;
you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes.*
Refrain

3. *You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing;
goodness and kindness crown the days of my life.
Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ever;
within the house of God my soul is at rest.*
Refrain

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

John 10:1–10

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

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.

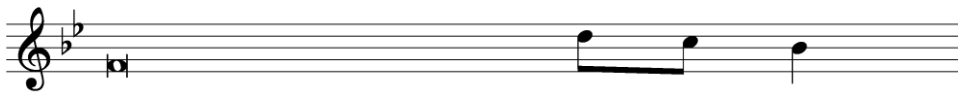
- 5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

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Sermon

We Praise You, O God

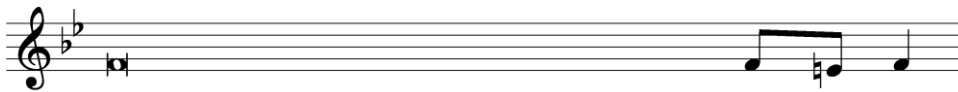
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



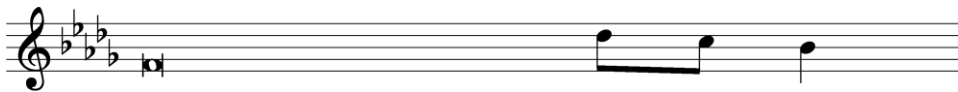
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



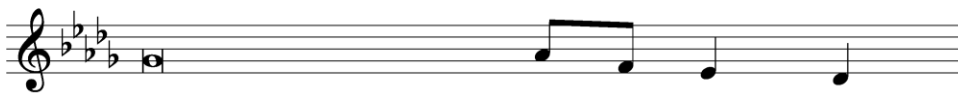
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



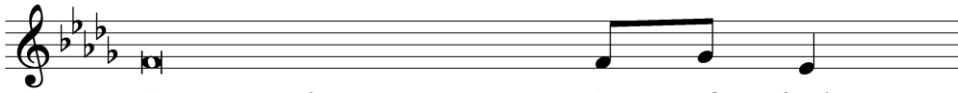
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When you became man to set us free,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

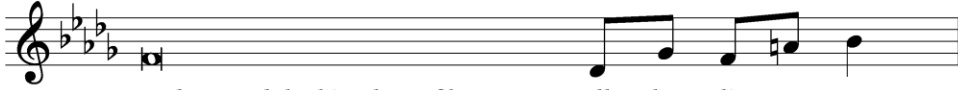


- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



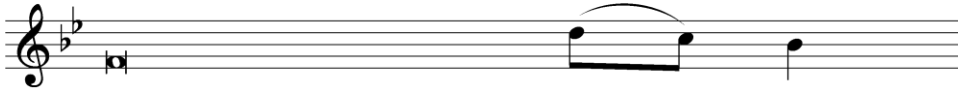
5 You overcame the
6 We believe that

sting of death
you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to
6 to

all be - liev - ers.
be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your

peo - ple,



7 bought

with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints

to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to pilgrimcares.org/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd

Sung by the soloist.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CW 555



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



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



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

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News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Irene Lape in memory of her husband Jim; and by Jake and Katie Brandt in celebration of Spring arriving!

Confirmation will be held during the 10:30am service today. Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers! Elora Barnes, Alyson Klein, Dominic Brander, Dominic Faust, Noel Iles, Elliana Lyon, Elise Weber.

Pilgrim moms, please join a new Bible study that focuses on glorifying God while we live as women in the world. Our next meeting is this coming Wednesday at 10am at the Schwartz Home: W170N8797 Sheridan Drive. See you soon!

What are you doing this summer? We need to paint the exterior of the Church! Please let the office or Jack Eagon propertymanager@pilgrimcares.org know if you can help and then we will work out a good schedule. With enough volunteers we can get this big job done quickly!

40 YEAR CELEBRATION: On Sunday, May 17th we at Pilgrim plan to celebrate Amy Kuske and her 40 years serving in the teaching ministry with recognition after the 8am service. A light dessert reception will follow in the church entryway. There will be a basket available for anyone wishing to offer gifts, cards, or well-wishes on that day. We hope you can join us in celebrating this milestone!

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, May 31st we at Pilgrim plan to celebrate Pastor and Tiffany Vanderhoof and send them off to Texas with a farewell reception. There will be a basket available for anyone wishing to offer gifts, cards, or well-wishes on that day. More details coming soon!

Calling all burrito lovers! Foil your dinner plans and stop by the Chipotle at W176N9360 River Crest Dr in Menomonee Falls for our fundraiser on Wednesday, May 6th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. We're raising money to support Pilgrim Lutheran School, so grab a flyer from the shelf in the back of Church and they'll donate 25% of the proceeds to the cause! We can't wait to see you!

The Helping \$5- From now through Sunday May 9, we will be collecting \$5 (and \$10 if desired) gift cards for the Kingdom Workers Foster Support Program. *Kingdom Workers Foster Support program connects foster families with volunteers who provide them with the support they need to provide the best care possible to the children in their care.* **May is Foster Care Appreciation Month! We will be collecting \$5/\$10 gift cards that will be given to Kingdom workers to distribute. Ideas for gift cards are: Starbucks, Dunkin, Panera, Target, Chick-fil-a, Culvers.** Please place the gift cards in the box at church. Thank you for supporting the mission of Kingdom Workers! Call/text Gretchen Klug 920-253-8777 with questions.

The Spring Greenhouse Sale has begun! Shop at Shady Lane Greenhouse between now and June 30th, mention Pilgrim PTA and the school will receive 25% of the sale. There are flyers available on the shelf in the back of church.

The WELS Youth Rally is being held in Bowling Green, Ohio July 14-17. Pilgrim is blessed to have six teens that have signed up to attend. The cost is \$450 per person. We are hoping to find donors who would like to help out with that cost for our families. Are you able to give \$50? \$100 or half - \$225 to help out? Please put your donation in an envelope labeled youth rally and drop it in the offering box or in the school office. Thank you for considering helping out our youth!

Building Project Listening Sessions Sign-Up. As part of the building project planning process, the Steering Committee is hosting a series of small group listening sessions in April and May. These gatherings are designed to give members an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about the future of Pilgrim's worship space, classrooms, fellowship areas, and overall campus needs. Scan the QR code to attend one of these listening sessions, there are also sign up sheets available on the shelf in the back of church. Your participation will help ensure that the congregation's input continues to shape the planning process.



New Lutheran Homeschool Co-Op Trinity Lutheran Church (ELS) near West Bend is exploring the possibility of establishing a WELS/ELS Homeschool Co-Op next year. This effort is being led by Trinity's Pastor Daniel Hartwig together with his wife Sarah. The core value of the Trinity Co-Op would be the truth of God's Word and the wonderful fellowship we enjoy in the WELS and ELS. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a WELS/ELS Homeschool Co-Op, please let them know by registering at this address: www.trinityels.org/homeschool

WLHS Student Council Work Days – April 25 & 26 - Do you have spring projects that need attention—raking, hedge trimming, window washing, or general yard work? Consider hiring hardworking members of the WLHS Student Council for a few hours in exchange for a free-will donation. All proceeds will support the 2025–26 WLHS mission project, benefiting the Vulnerable Children's Foundation and Academia Cristo. Work Days will take place on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. To request a team, please email workdays@wlhs.org with your name, address, phone number, a description of the work, and your preferred day(s). Support a great cause while getting your spring projects done!

8:00am

10:30am

Ushers

4-26 Matt Lawonn
Tim Pankow
5-3 Phill Lepple
Scott Tyriver

Jim Prekop
Andy Steeno
Dave Chmilewski
Collin Mayer

Wednesday Ushers are Pat Renner and Jason Marten

Worship Hosts

4-26 Joe & Marlene Bedalov
5-3 Irene Lape & Pat Knack

Joel & Jenny Raasch
Paul & Kathy Arnhold

Attendance

4-15 28
4-19 159 + 129 = 288



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For children to use during worship.

My Worship Notes

Name _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today?

What is the color of the church today? Circle one: Blue White Purple Red Green

The sermon text was:

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What is the sermon about?

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

Yes

No



Communion?

Yes

No

My favorite song today was:

What did you learn about God today?

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What are you thankful for today?



PILGRIM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

PTA PRESENTS

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Spring

GREENHOUSE SALE

April 27-June 30, 2026

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