

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 · 9:30 a.m.

65th Anniversary Celebration - Good Shepherd Sunday



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
1100 E Murdock Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54901

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P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation/All

* *Invitation to stand*

Prelude *"Sheep May Safely Graze" – J.S. Bach*
Piano and Organ Duet

Welcome and Announcements

* **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

A: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** Gathering Hymn: *God of our Fathers* LBW 567**



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

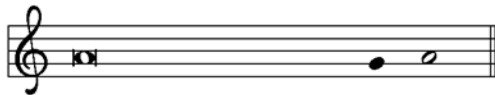
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Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

*** Apostolic Greeting**

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

C: And also with you.

* The Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



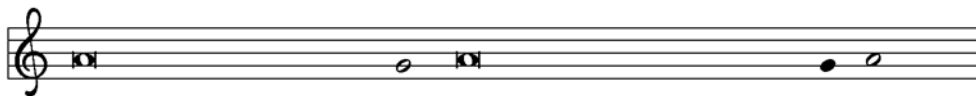
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For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



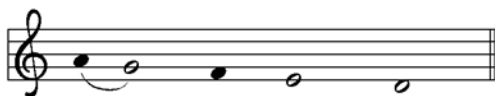
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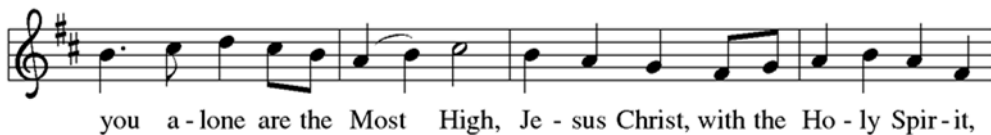
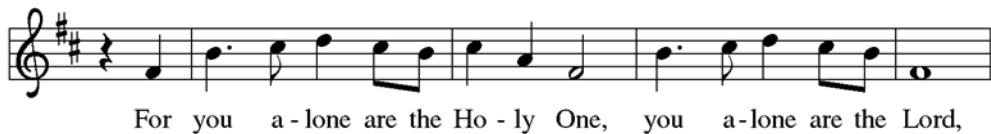
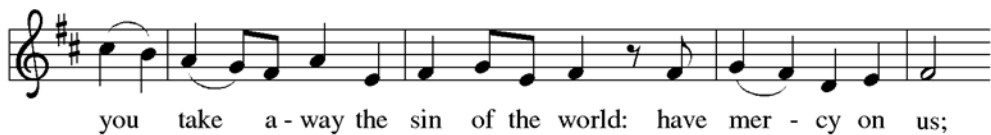
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. God our Shepherd,

C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety in our faith. You have called together your flock at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Guide us by your voice, direct us through this community, and nourish us for service as we follow you into the future. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

L: A reading from Acts.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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?

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody: Psalm 23

A: The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

A: You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: 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.**

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

L: A reading from 1st Peter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ 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.

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

²³ 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. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation:



* **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go 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: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day: *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

* Nicene Creed

A: Together, let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* Prayers of Intercession

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially those we remember in our hearts Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Good Shepherd, we give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation at St. Andrew's as we acknowledge and celebrate 65 years of the organization of ministry. We thank you for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future in new ways. Thank you for charter members Barb Luebke and Edie Johnson, for current members of this faith community, and for friends and fellow organizations who have been valuable partners in the work of ministry. Guide us forward as we seek to serve you Lord. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

*** Sharing the Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

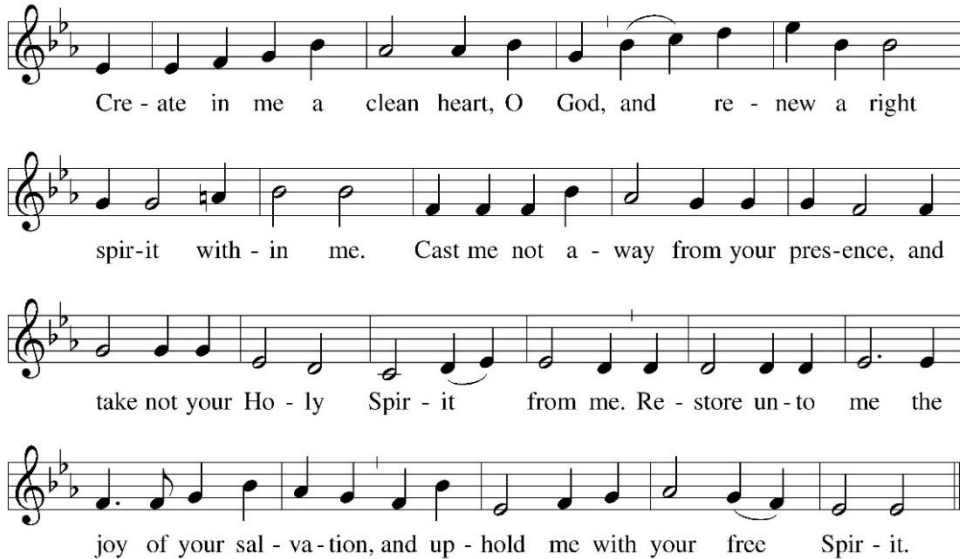
Our Offerings for God's Work

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary, as you enter or leave the church.

“Shepherd Me, O God” – Marty Haugen
St. Andrew's Choir

* Offertory Hymn

WOV 732



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

* Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day

when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

* The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a simple melody with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

* The Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a simple melody with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second has two measures, the third has two measures, and the fourth has two measures.

* **The Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

* **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.**

* **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- † **All are welcome at this table.** Please follow the direction of the ushers as you make your way forward to the altar rail.
- † You will receive a wafer, then be offered a cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are also available.
- † If it is either your practice or preference to not receive Communion today, please know that you are still welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.
- † There is space on both sides of the sanctuary if you would desire to light a candle and observe a quiet moment of reflection as you return to your seat.
- † If you need Holy Communion brought to you, please inform one of the ushers.

Please stand, as you are able.

* **The Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in God's grace

C: **Amen.**

* **Prayer After Communion**

A: Let us pray:

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,

to love our enemies,

and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

* **Benediction**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

* **Sending Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* ELW 654**



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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