

*I came that they may
have life and have it
abundantly*

JOHN 10:10





GATHERED BY THE LONG ARMS OF THE CROSS

The 4th Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord Good Shepherd Sunday

April 19, 2026

IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM WORSHIP at splcm.org/worship
Video streamed in Sunday School Wing

Welcome to St. Peter!



Guests to our community are welcome here. We greet you warmly and invite you to ask an usher or one of our members for any assistance you may require.

Please use the **Record of Fellowship** to indicate your presence with us this morning and provide us with up-to-date contact information.

Prayer requests may be added to the green-colored form, “Our Gathering Prayers,” next to the guest book near the front entrance.

Personal Assisted Listening Devices with adjustable volume control are available from the usher.

Doxological Hymns conclude with a doxological verse (words of praise addressed to the Triune God) and are so indicated with a Δ . Children are invited to pick up a hand bell from the greeters at the entryway to ring on these verses.

A Special Welcome to Children Please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. Peter. We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all. We rejoice in Jesus' words, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Luke 18:16).

Should you need a quiet space, we have a **Cry Room** at the back of the sanctuary available for use by parents with small children. For parents needing more space, a larger **Family Room** is partitioned off in the Sunday School Wing where the service is streamed on a television monitor. Just ask an usher for assistance.

Restrooms are located to the right of the front entrance through the coatroom.

Electronic Devices You are invited to disconnect from the world and be open for God's connection with you. Please turn off your devices during the worship service.

AS WE ARE GATHERED BY THE CROSS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheepfold in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our Baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the the difficulties of the world. He even entered into those difficulties Himself—suffering, dying, and rising for us and our salvation. Having gone ahead of us, He now meets us in our suffering. There is nowhere where we can find ourselves that He has not been. So while we live in a difficult world, it is no match for Jesus, the Good Shepherd. On our journey through this world, we are blessed to have Jesus, our Good Shepherd, meeting us and guiding us. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

P—PASTOR; **C**—CONGREGATION; **A**—CANTOR/CHOIR; **L**—LECTOR/LEADER
Lutheran Service Book: Divine Service – Setting One pp. 151

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

GATHERING

PRELUDE (*ORGAN*)

Stand and turn toward the processional cross.

INVOCATION AND GATHERING VERSICLES

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

P We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

P The stone that the builders rejected

C has become the cornerstone.

Psalm 118:22

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

P Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C Death is swallowed up in victory!

P O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

C Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54–57

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen – LSB 480△

1 He's risen, He's risen,
Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison,
the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven,
in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain
their praises prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant
when on Calvary
The Lord of creation
was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did
the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom
the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph;
the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan
He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts
His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and
will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death?
We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open
is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions
His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven,
we now are His own.

△5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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INVOCATION AND GREETING

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

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast
Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

SALUTATION

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

A 3 *Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.*

C—REFRAIN

A 4 *You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*

C—REFRAIN

A 5 *Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.*

C—REFRAIN

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SECOND LESSON – 1 Peter 2:[18], 19–25

Servants Be Subject to Good and Gentle and Unjust Authorities

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this 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

GOSPEL VERSE PROCESSION (CONGREGATION) *Joyful Alleluia! – Howard Hughes, S.M.*

A—CHOIR/CANTOR; **C**—CONGREGATION

Alleluia Versicles (*call and response*)

A *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

C **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Gospel Acclamation: (*John 10:14*)

A *Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me. (repeat Alleluia versicles)

HOLY GOSPEL – John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th chapter:

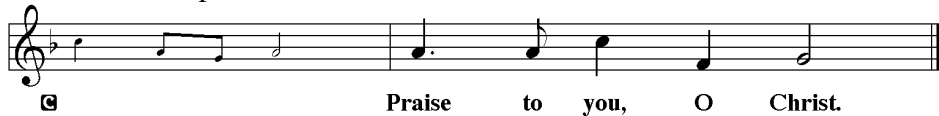


I Am the Good Shepherd

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:



GOSPEL VERSE RECESSIONAL (CONGREGATION)

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives – LSB 468

**1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives,
In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,
God’s wrath He has appeased.
Since He in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever.
I am content!
I am content!**

**2 I am content! My Jesus is my head;
His member I shall be.
He bowed His head
when on the cross He died
With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection
For me by Jesus’ resurrection.
I am content!
I am content!**

**3 I am content! My Jesus is my light,
My radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays
beam blessings forth for all,
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation.
I am content!
I am content!**

**4 I am content! At length I shall be free,
Awakened from the dead,
Arising glorious evermore to be
With You, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever;
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content!
I am content!**

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NICENE CREED

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

**☐ 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.**

**With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

*The ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian faith.

Sit or Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition is said:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.



Peace be to you!

GREETING OF PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and in preparation for reception of the Holy Supper.

Sit

OFFERTORY

Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7

(Please STAND as the elder and usher bring the gifts forward to the altar.)

C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

Source: LSB 955

LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P *Lift up your hearts.*

[Colossians 3:1]



C We lift them to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

[Psalm 136]



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



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.

Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (see LSB 162)

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God... to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit...

and may receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those... until He comes as victorious Lord of all.



C Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might-y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Please remain standing for the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Notes



The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a tremendous gift. His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and embodies our unity with one another. Accordingly, in 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul cautions Christians to receive the Supper together only when they are united in a common faith and love. If you are new to our congregation, please see the pastor before communing.

Please fill in around the altar accordingly: **Fellowship Hall Side:** fill in from the back to the front;
Sunday School Side: fill in from the front to the back.

- * Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.
- * Those communing will receive the host from the pastor and may receive the consecrated wine by Common Cup OR Individual Cup.
 - Common Cup: Offered by the elder, by guiding the base of the cup with your hand.
 - Individual Cup: Available as you process down the center aisle from the individual cup dispenser. Twist and pull upward to receive an empty cup. An elder will fill your cup at the altar. Place the used individual cup in the collection basket.

After receiving the elements you may return to your pews. Please inform an usher if you want the elements to be brought to you.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us – LSB 711

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 Much we need Your tender care.
 In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Your fold prepare.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 You have mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
 Early let us do Your will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
 With Your love our spirits fill.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have loved us, love us still.

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Stand

DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
C Amen.

THANKSGIVING COLLECT

- P** Let us pray in thanksgiving. Life-giving God,
C in the mystery of Christ's resurrection You send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish Your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Your Son's resurrection, that we may show Your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!
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.
C Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Sit

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS AS NECESSARY

*The CALENDAR OF EVENTS highlights this week's meetings and activities.
Announcement Forms located on the slat wall are to be placed on the Celebrant's chair.*

SENDING

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE (ORGAN)

✠ **Glory to God Alone** ✠

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✠ **DAILY LECTIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR** ✠

Daily Lectionary and Psalms for Daily Prayer
for the week of Sunday, April 26 - Saturday, May 2
are available in your Lutheran Service Book (LSB), on pages: 299-304

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 3

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146 (antiphon: v. 2); 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

✠ THE PASCHAL CANDLE'S STORY ✠

Recalling the great rescue narrative of the Passover and Exodus and connecting it to Christ's ultimate rescue of humanity through the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection, the Paschal Candle is one of the most sacred and enduring symbols of the Light of Christ, dating to the earliest days of Christianity. Made of beeswax to represent the purity of Christ, the candle's wick signifies Christ's humanity and the flame His divine nature.

✠ THIS YEAR'S PASCHAL CANDLE DESIGN: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD ✠

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

– John 10:11 (ESV)

The Good Shepherd Paschal candle has a comforting presence with its simple and colorful graphics featuring a gold shepherd's staff that is in the form of a cross sculpted white sheep at the base of the cross. Living out of the waters of baptism "the sheep [we] hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out.... He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice." John 10:3-4.



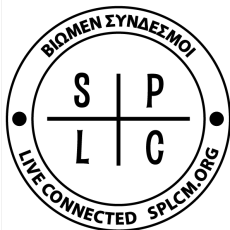
THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Adam Clark, Senior Pastor	Lector:	Anne Mangelsdorf
Preacher:	The Rev. Bryan Borger, Associate Pastor	Elder:	Mark Waldron
Crucifer:	Cooper Rockwell	Usher:	Karen Waldron
Music Director & Organist:	Emily Ruch	Altar Guild:	Annette Winterrowd
	<i>St. Peter Choir</i>	Sound Board:	Sam Homann
Cantor:	Renee Peggs	Video Streaming:	Sam Homann
		Greeters:	Ronnie Zarate and Darryl Henk
		Doorkeeper:	Cindy Matthews

Please update the Sunday Servant sign-up sheet on the slat wall.

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Renee Peggs, Ministry Coordinator (Church Office)

<u>Sunday Schedule:</u>	Education Hour (All Ages)	9:00-9:50am
	Sunday Worship	10:15am