

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

PRELUDE

Dave Roos

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!Salvation belongs to our God who is the gate to abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #385 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

READING Psalm 23 (read all together)

The LORD is my shepherd;**I shall not be in want.****The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.****You restore my soul, O LORD,****and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.****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.****You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.****Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE TFF #95 “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord,
he is risen from the dead and he is Lord;
ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love
he has shown us by his life that he is love.
All his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is love.

He is life, he is life,
Jesus is the Great I AM and he is life.
Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **the great Shepherd of the sheep, the Gate to freedom and security, lead us along right pathways for your name's sake. Guide us by your voice that we may experience abundant life through your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING

Acts 2:42-47

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #388 “Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
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GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

SERMON

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY

ELW #604 "O Christ, Our Hope"

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast your mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.
- 4 Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.
- 5 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PresentationPromises of the people

...People of God, do you promise to support Adalynne Diana Spanjers
and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

People: **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

People: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

People: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

People: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #764 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
 have no fear, little flock,
 for the Father has chosen
 to give you the kingdom;
 have no fear, little flock!

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
 have good cheer, little flock,
 for the Father will keep you
 in his love forever;
 have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
 praise the Lord high above,
 for he stoops down to heal you,
 uplift and restore you;
 praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
 thankful hearts raise to God,
 for he stays close beside you,
 in all things works with you;
 thankful hearts raise to God!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,)
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,)
 leaning on the everlasting arms.**

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. **To Refrain**

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. **To Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!