

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Prelude - The prelude is an introductory part of our worship service. Worshipers are encouraged to use these few moments for prayer and/or reflection on a scripture passage or hymn. (Please silence all cell phones before service)

Announcements

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Hymn #229 (Red Hymnal) *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Confession of Sin

P/ O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C/ **Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.**

P/ Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

All/ **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love: According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

P/ God has been listening! And He tells us that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He further assures every repentant sinner: I have blotted out, as a thick cloud your transgressions, and your sins and iniquities I will remember no more. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C/ **Praise the Lord, our God! We receive it thankfully and resolve to live as God's people. Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 (page 1159, 1082)

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I

will 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; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (page 1295, 1204)

Special Music

The Gospel: John 10:1-10 (page 1140, 1065)

Reception of New Members

The Confession of Faith (See inside front cover of hymnal)

Hymn #107 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*

The Sermon

Hymn #112 *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Offering

Offertory "We give Thee..." (#391, st.1)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn #450 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Postlude



-Fellowship will follow after the service today. Thank you to Doug Madison for serving last week!

-Today we welcome Curtis Gifford, Pd Strickland, and Patricia Pawlak into fellowship at Christ Lutheran!

This week –

Mon.	Apr. 27	6:30 a.m.	Morning Men's Study
		1:00 p.m.	Afternoon Men's Study
Tues.	Apr. 28	9:00 a.m.	Women's Study
Wed.	Apr. 29	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		7:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Church
Thurs.	Apr. 30	10:00 a.m.	Ancient Civilizations
Sun.	May 3	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship (Communion)
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School

Last Sunday - attendance 73; offering \$1031.00

Lessons for 5/3- Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Pet. 2:2-10; John 14:1-