

THE GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONROEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

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the Fourth
Sunday of
Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026

ELW Setting Two

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font.
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we
have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of
the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 807 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***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.

***KYRIE**

ELW p.120

... let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p.121

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain***

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Refrain***

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate insert

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

FIRST READING

Celebrate insert

After the reading,

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Celebrate insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate insert

After the reading,

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.124

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Our hearts | burn within us*
while you open to | us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL

Celebrate insert

The gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading,

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 782 – My Shepherd You Supply My Need

*CREED

**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**

Celebrate insert

After each petition,

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – Joel Raney

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

***PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

ELW p.128

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

ELW p.129

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p.130

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

*COMMUNION SONG

ELW p.134

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The communion follows. As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

ELW # 484 – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
ELW # 494 – For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep you in his grace.
Amen.

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p.135

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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,
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

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 SONG

ELW # 544 – Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

*DISMISSAL

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

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Announcements

Easter Sunday, April 26, 2026

News and Notices

New Home for the Good Shepherd-We are pleased to report that the congregation of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has agreed to begin to formally negotiate a leasing agreement for our new home with the Garden City United Methodist Church. This decision was reached as a result of a vote taken at our Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 19th in which the motion presented by the Council to move to the Garden City location was approved by a vote of 38 to 10.

The Congregational Council has also determined which space would be our preferred proprietary space at Garden City. The council selected "Option 1". While not everyone has had a chance to see the space, you may find reference to it on the video tour that was made available last week. We are grateful to the people of the Garden City United Methodist Church for their graciousness and generosity during our consideration of the options.

There are many details to be worked out including the planning of our closing worship service at our current location and our physical move into the new one. At this time, no date has been set. We will continue to keep you informed as new information becomes available.

This has been quite a journey for our congregation – both leaders and members – and there is still much to be done! We are grateful for everyone's continued support of our church, and we look forward to walking together in this next step of our faith life.

Moving Forward: What's Staying, What's Going, What's Yours-The Transition Coordination Team is continuing to work with our volunteers to implement the plan for vacating our current property, the disposition of all things that will not be needed in the new space and the packing/moving of items that will go with us to our new home.

We will be designating space in our Fellowship Hall where smaller items that are in good condition- but not moving with us- will be placed for anyone to take – free of charge! Each week more items will be added as we continue to work through each room to determine the disposition of all items.

If you are interested in larger items (such as pews, furniture, chairs, large decor) we ask that you submit a request to the church office designating what you would like and in what quantity. We are collecting those and will be reaching out to anyone who has made a request to discuss.



**Lutherlyn CampBlast-Rain or Shine-Saturday,
May 9, 2026, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm, FREE!**

CampBast is an Open House with staff and volunteers facilitating camp activities. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian/chaperone with them. No registration is needed. Just show up with all your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else looking for a fun, free day. Campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, pony rides, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, hayrides, games, sports, archaeology, disc golf, jump pillow, tours, great food, worship, and MORE! Join us for a GREAT day at camp!

Music

Director of Music- Mary K. Walley

Anthem:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”-Joel Raney

Serving You Today

Altar Guild

Mary Jo Batley
Carol Ponist

Assisting Minister

Pat Lowe

Ushers

The Larson Family

Calendar

SUNDAY, 4/26

- 10:30 am- Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, 4/27

- 7 pm-Mothers of Twins, Triplets, Quads, FH

TUESDAY, 4/28

- 1:30 pm-Bible Study, LR

WEDNESDAY, 4/29

- 4 pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chancel
- 5:30 pm-Chancel Choir rehearsal, Chancel

THURSDAY, 4/30

- 6:30 pm-Outside Group, LR

FRIDAY, 5/1

SATURDAY, 5/2

SUNDAY, 5/3

- 10:30 am-Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am-Sunday School (Young)

Prayer Concerns

New Prayer Concerns

Family and friends of Linda McCulloch
Howard Anderson
Laney Gerhart

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Evelyn
Leo Engleka
Family and friends of Dennis Kelly
Mark Davis
Robert "Si" Winters
Adrianne
Gracie Ridge
Fred Wiesner
Marie
The civilians, leaders and peacemakers during the
Iran conflict
Donna Shubert
Baby Miles
Kelly Smith
Elijah
Ralph Beatty
Al
R. Rose
Shirah Goldstein
Caden Brush
Debbie Lendo Finke
Jan B.
Jennifer Tirko
Kerry Luehring
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Current Prayer List-A current prayer list can be found by going to:

www.goodshepherdlife.org/prayers

