

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds, sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven on Earth, one person at a time.



Holy Eucharist - 9:00 a.m.

Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Gloria

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

(See 11:00 service)

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

The Psalm

Psalm 23

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presentation of Our Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Book of Common Prayer p. 340

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

Prayer of Humble Access

Book of Common Access p. 337

Post-communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

Blessing

Dismissal

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

9:00am

EMs: Deanna DuBose, Beth Hitchcock; **Lector:** Deanna DuBose;

Intercessor: Jerry Taylor; **Usher:** Elizabeth Rybicki; **Altar Guild:** Patricia Champ;

VPOD: Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Joe Rybicki

Flower Guild: Valla Kolman

Holy Eucharist - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Meditation

Paul Fey

Processional

All people that on earth do dwell

Hymnal 377

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100. Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory to God

Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn *My Shepherd will supply my need (v.1-2)*

Hymnal 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

*Celebrant
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As a sign of faith in the resurrection, the people are bid to stand for the Eucharist prayer during the Easter season.

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B
The people remain standing.

Book of Common Prayer p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Lord’s Prayer

Bluebook p. 75

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Communion *Shepherd of souls*

Hymnal 343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1845), alt. Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). Copyright © 1985, G.I.A. Publications.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal

Postlude

Joy in the Morning

Gordon Young

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am

EMs: Jane Boritz, Janet Beall; **Lector:** Barry Benson; **Usher:** Mike Gora;

Altar Guild: Jan Freeman, Kathy Marcel, Betsi Wilson;

Altar Linens: Betsi Wilson; **Nursery:** Jean Gora, Hattie Sheehy;

Intercessor: Laurel Adams; **VPOD:** Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Dave & Barb Field;

Videographer: Tom Griffiths; **Flower Guild:** Valla Kolman; **Greeter:** Mili Arias

Christian Education

Lectionary Bible Study – Currently meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

Parish Life and Church Community

A **Floral Design class** is being sponsored by the Flower Guild on **Friday, May 1, 2026, 10am – 12pm**. Come learn the basics of flower arranging and stay for flower planting. We're asking those who would like to add a plant to the church garden to **bring a small plant in honor of all mothers** and stay after the floral class to **plant them, with our Master Gardener's assistance**. If you can't make the class and you'd like to donate a flower, please contact Jeff @ 423-744-4107.

May 3rd, our **Bishop will be visiting!** We will have **one service at 10:00am**, followed by **Brunch with the Bishop** in the Parish Hall. *Your donation of a side brunch item is welcome!* There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone that is available to help with clean-up afterwards.

Join us on **May 8, 2026, at 7pm**, as we welcome the **Valley River Ringers!** The Valley River Ringers have been ringing together for about 12 years. They ring on 4 octaves of bells and choir chimes. They ring level 3 and 4 in handbell music which is commonly known as moderate difficult music. The ringers come from Georgia, North Carolina and they meet at the first United Methodist church in Murphy where their director, Suzanne West is the music director.

Help wanted! We need Eucharistic ministers. At Good Shepherd, we have two EMs at each worship service. Both EMs serve as chalice bearers at communion, but their roles in other parts of the service are different. The minister who serves as EM1 (the first one listed in the bulletin) also reads the first lesson while the minister who serves as EM2 also serves as the acolyte. Our current EM2's have been working overtime recently. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in one of these ministries and feel free to talk with Father Bill or any of our current Eucharistic Ministers for more information. Those of us who serve as EMs consider this a very special and Holy ministry. You will receive very ample training and encouragement before you are scheduled. Call the church office to sign up and we will get you started. Thank you!

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights-
Wednesday by 12pm

Deadline for Monthly Newsletter-
the 20th of the preceding month

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **April 28, 2026** are:

Town: Linda Milt

City: Suzy Christensen

Tusquittee: Dave & Barb Field

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat and Joy Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Deb Sellers, Sarah Kreiss, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne (Jean-ee)Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa and David Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Adelaide Fullilove, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Anne Hourdequin, Sam and Mere Samsil, Jay and Mary Ann Miller, Bob Wilkerson, Gail Rose, Lynne and Mark Walters, Kenny and Stacy Waldroup, Sally Conaway, Kim Brabon, Alexis Bernal, Mili and Jose Arias, Helga Reaves, Kanute Rarey, Ashley Murray, Mary Rose Figura, Wendy Mitchell, Kris West, Talullah Kenyon, Mike Campbell

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for *The Adult Recreational Groups Ministry* at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Calendar

Monday
April 27

	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
	10:00 am	Library Maintenance
	10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
	11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday
April 28

		Meals for Friends
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
	2:00 pm	Healing Prayer Meeting (Parish Hall)
	5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
	6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday
April 29

	9:00 am	Exercise
	11:00 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
	11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Thursday
April 30

	6:45 am	Order of St. George (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday
May 1

	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
	10:00 am	Flower Design Class & Plant Donation
	10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

Saturday
May 2

Sunday
May 3

		5 Easter
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:30 am	Bishop's Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence
The Rev. Beverly Lewis, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
Sharon Kyser, Pianist
Teresa LeMaire, Director of Music
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper
Kevin Conley, Treasurer
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Betsi Wilson
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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