



10:15 AM SERVICE

HE IS RISEN

EASTER SEASON
APRIL 26, 2026

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Gerre Hancock

ANGELS CHOIR

I just wanna be a sheep

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

HYMN 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

(Continues on next page...)

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

FIRST READING

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 (to be read responsively, by half-verse)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 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.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

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

SECOND READING

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.**

GOSPEL HYMN (vs. 3 & 4)

I Am the Vine



1., 4. I am the vine and you the branch - es,
2. So let my joy com - plete and cheer you
3. Stay close and root my words with - in you:



Pruned and pre - pared for all to see;
In whom my hope and king - dom lies;
What you re - quest, you soon shall have



Cho - sen to bear the fruit of heav - en
Lov - ing each oth - er as I loved you,
Un - til you car - ry fruit in plen - ty,



If you re - main and trust in me.
Sa - vor that love which nev - er dies.
Nour - ished and fer - tile through my love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

All Stand

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Trusting in Jesus, the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name and leads us into life, let us bring our prayers before God.

Good Shepherd, you call your own sheep by name and lead them out. We pray for your Church throughout the world: that we may listen for your voice above all others...that we may follow where you lead with courage and trust...that we may reflect your love to those who feel lost or unseen.

Lord, in your mercy,

Lead us into life.

Jesus, you are the Gate for the sheep, the one who leads us into safety and life. We pray for the leaders of nations and all in authority: that they may seek paths of peace, justice, and truth... that they may protect the vulnerable and guard against harm... that they may resist voices that lead toward fear, division, or destruction.

Lord, in your mercy,

Lead us into life.

Good Shepherd, you came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. We pray for all who are burdened, anxious, or struggling: for those who feel trapped behind locked doors of fear... for those who are overwhelmed by the noise of competing voices... for those longing for rest, healing, and hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

Lead us into life.

Shepherd of our souls, you gather the lost and carry the wounded. We pray for the sick and suffering... {LIST} that they may know your presence beside them... that they may hear your voice calling them into peace... that they may be restored in body, mind, and spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

Lead us into life.

Faithful Shepherd, you lead us even through the valley of the shadow of death. We pray for those who have died {PAUSE}: that they may dwell in your house forever... that they may know the fullness of your abundant life... that we may be comforted in the hope of resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,

Lead us into life.

Priest: Gracious God, you have given us your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and the Gate to abundant life: Open our ears to hear his voice, open our hearts to trust his leading, and open our lives to follow where he calls; that we may dwell securely in your love and reflect your goodness to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Remain kneeling.

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen. And in him— your sins are forgiven, your past is redeemed, and your life is made new. So, rise, forgiven and free, and live as God's beloved. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

(you may sit)

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHILDREN'S SERMON

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY

Loving Shepherd of the Sheep

P. Ledger

*TEXT: Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb in safety keep; nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.*

*I would bless thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious
love.*

*Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the
straight and narrow way.*

*Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father's throne I shall know
as I am known.*

(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer A)

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:

(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM **God works for good** **J. Marshall**

TEXT: Your lasting truth and mercy, Creator, see aright the needs of all your children, their anguish or delight: what loving wisdom chooses, redeeming might will do; and bring to sure fulfillment your counsel good and true.

(REFRAIN:-) All things work for good for those who love God.

Commit now all that grieves you and fills your heart with care to God, whose faithful mercy the skies above declare, who gives the winds their courses, who points the clouds their way; 'tis God will guide your footsteps and be your staff and stay. REFRAIN
Oh, trust that One then wholly, if you would be secure, whose work you must consider for your work to endure. What profit does it bring you to pine in grief and care? God ever sends a blessing in answer to your prayer. REFRAIN.

COMMUNION HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

D G A7 D Bm

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'1 - lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such
 6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Em A G D G A7 D

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each o - ther
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er
 Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

Em G A7 D

let you be my ser - vant too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 of Christ's love and a gon - y.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

(you may kneel)

Celebrant and People

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

The priest blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is

HYMN 645



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

The text was written by Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877) and first published in 1868. Originally paired with another tune, it is now almost exclusively sung to the traditional Irish tune ST. COLUMBA.

The first pairing of Baker's text with the ST. COLUMBA melody occurred in The English Hymnal in 1906. Ralph Vaughan Williams (English Church Music "Giant" # 1) selected the Irish folk melody, first transcribed by George Petrie in the mid-19th century, and Charles Villiers Stanford (English Church Music "Giant" #2) provided the harmonization. The hymn's text is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 23 infused with New Testament imagery, such as the "ransomed soul," the "Good Shepherd," and the "chalice" of Holy Communion. It is particularly noted for its connection to the deaths of its creators: John Bacchus Dykes (composer of the now unused tune) had the hymn sung at his funeral in 1876, and Henry Williams Baker reportedly spoke the third stanza as his final words before dying in 1877. The tune ST. COLUMBA is named after the Irish saint who brought Christianity to Scotland and is said to have been sung at a chapel dedication in County Londonderry.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe” from Water Music

G. F. Handel



Flowers



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our first grandchild, Harrison Reed DiDea. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! By Mark and Susie DiDea

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“In joy and sadness, flowers are our constant friends.” -Unknown.



Upcoming events

*It's An Additional Feed My
Lambs Sunday! Pick up a bag
in the narthex.*

MAY 2026

FRI
MAY 1

Special evening honoring the ministry of

Andrew Walker

5:30 PM

Church

WED
MAY 12-14

VBS Craft Days

10 AM - 2 PM

Quigley Hall

SUN
MAY 17

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1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Briget's House

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Rest in Peace: Patricia “Patty” Bolquerin

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Anniversaries: 26: Mike and Kristie Loughran, 29: Orville Byfield and Joan Myers-Byfield, 30: Chip and Pam Webb; May 2: Roger and Susan Chapin, 3: Walter and Laurie Carpenter,

To place someone on the prayer list, please email ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com or call the church office.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N.* as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen.*

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