

Offering

Offertory by the Handbells

“Classical Easter”

Offering Hymn No. 186

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Please hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

C: 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.

Benediction

C: 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.

Closing Hymn No. 779 (vs 1-3) by the Handbells

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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April 26, 2026

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Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3

Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

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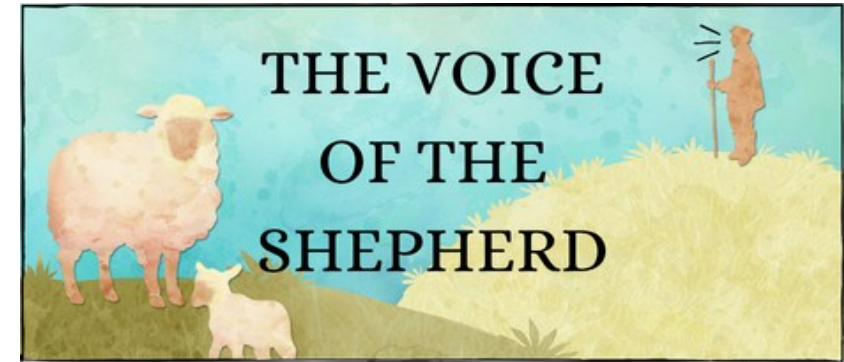
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**Welcome to Worship**



**4th Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026**

**Sunday at 8:25 a.m.**

**United We Live God’s Will**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*L: Holy God, we give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.*

**C: Amen**

*L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

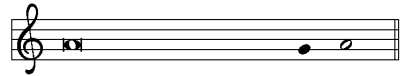
**Opening Hymn by the Handbell Choir (See Insert)**

**“The Glory of Easter”**

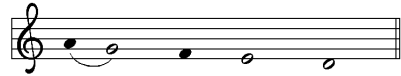
**Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



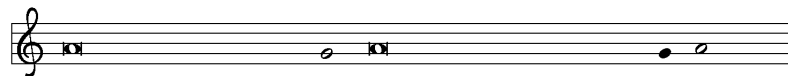
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



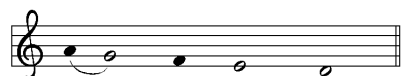
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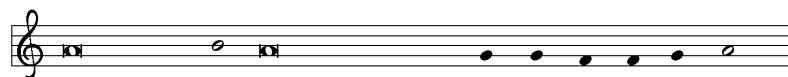
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**Hymn of Praise**

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Prayer of the Day**

**C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Acts 2:42-47 – Page 886**

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:19-25 – Pages 984-985**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel**

*L: The holy gospel according to John.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 10:1-10 – Page 872**

*L: The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Becky Mohling**

**Apostles' Creed**

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