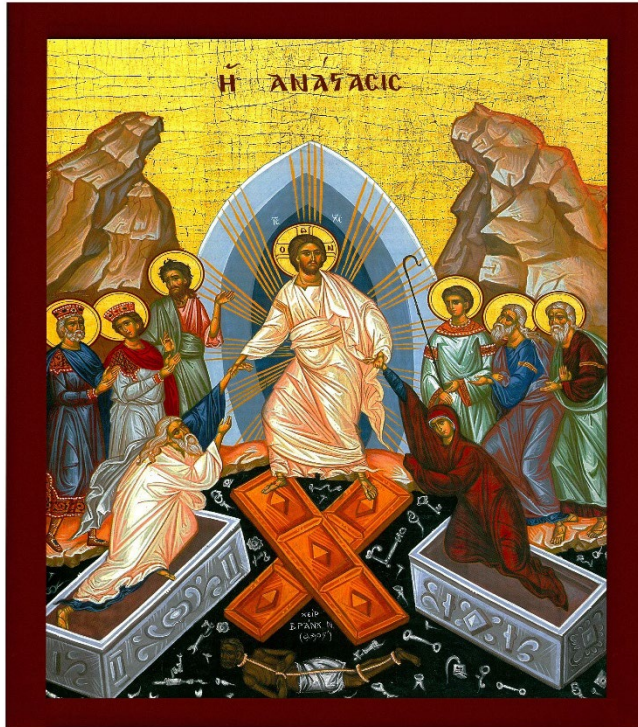


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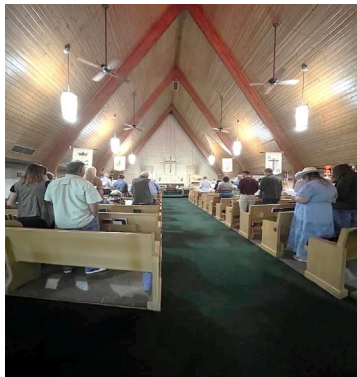


Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 AM

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*Whoever and wherever you find yourself on your faith journey,
you are welcome here.*

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left. As a diverse community in God, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects God's divine completeness. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



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Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Bob Mossman

Call to Prayer

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All stand as able.

Let us pray. *Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring; May love rise again in us today, with food for every table, shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love, and free us from all falseness that the light of our souls may shine and the strength of our spirits endure for earth and all its people this day, tonight, and forever. *Amen*

Processional

“Sing, Ye Faithful Sing”

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Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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*

Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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. Amen

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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 Lessons

All be seated

First Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

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

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand as able

Seq.

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

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The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All be seated

The Sermon

The Reverend Les Jackson

The Nicene 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: 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*

The Prayers of the People

Kneeling or Standing as able.

Hear us, Lord, as we lift our voices in common cause, saying,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all people of faith, that the circumstances of this world will lead us into new ways of being God's community; a body of people who love and serve God and neighbor.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, and all nations, that we might live in health, safety, and peace. Pray for those who govern, that they might keep the needs of all people as their priority; and that truth and mercy are their closest companions.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor, hungry, and marginalized, and those whose life's work is to help them meet their basic needs and thrive.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our unique situations and needs. For health, for the safety and happiness of our families, for our coworkers, friends, neighbors, we pray especially for those things that bring us fear or anxiety, asking that we might shed our concerns and be at peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer sickness that they might know healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for this life and for the life to come. Bless the dying with your grace and welcome. Grant us also the hope of our heavenly reunion in the age to come.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pray for the retired clergy of the diocese.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend and Honorable Dame Sarah Mullaly, our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, Father Les, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

Pray for South-Central Kansas Minster, the Reverend Kitty Shield, Minster Shepherd, St. Jude, Wellington; St. Andrew's Derby; Trinity, Arkansas City; Epiphany, Sedan; Grace, Winfield; and their clergy and people.

Pray for the search process and election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries of Trinity through our outreach efforts.

The Concluding Collect

God of love, you know our needs greater than we know them ourselves; hear us and answer us as you have always done and clothe us in your loving grace that we might fully be your son's continuing work in the world; And all this through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always. *Amen*

The Peace

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

Announcements

Birthday Blessing

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

Celebrating this week: Trey Myers, Virginia Zebold

Offertory Sentence

Take heart, brothers and sisters, for Jesus our Good Shepherd has borne our sins that we might live for righteousness and follow in his steps.

The Doxology

“Praise to God”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

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

Through your Son Jesus Christ, you open the way for us to eternal life. He calls us by name and leads us as a shepherd leads his sheep. He is the gate of abundant life, and his voice is our salvation.

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

Sanctus

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

The people stand or kneel as able.

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."

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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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 forever. *Amen* +++

The Lord's Prayer

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

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*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are invited to receive from God's Banquet table all the benefits, grace upon grace, of our Lord Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

See Insert

The Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

*A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so we may live deep within your heart.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war so that we may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world and do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

The Blessing

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

Recessional

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

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The Dismissal

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Deb Harstine

Ministers This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Bob Mossman, *Lector*

Joshua Dennison, *Acolyte*

Darlene Andrews, *Usher*

Erica Russell, *Counter*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

Glenda Giro & Darlene Andrews, *Hospitality*

Cherilyn Chiaro, *Flautist*

Glenda Giro & Kathleen Mabry, *Altar Guild*

Micah Miller, Joshua Dennison, Jacob Dennison, *Videographers*

Please join us for coffee following the service.

*A Franciscan Benediction

Sister Ruth Fox, Order of Saint Benedict (OSB); Sacred Heart Monastery, North Dakota

*Celtic Version of The Lord's Prayer—John Philip Newell