

Easter 4 — April 26, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369

Apostolic Greeting ELW Pg. 138

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

This is the Feast Pg. 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day ELW Pg. 138-139

L The Lord be with you **People And also with you**

L 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. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. **People Amen**

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

⁴² The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!



Yahweh is my Shepherd – The Psalms Project - Based on Psalm 23

Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need. Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me besides quiet waters. He restores my soul.

Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need. Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the darkest of valleys I will fear no evil.

Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need. Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need.

You are with me. You're always with me. Your rod and staff they give me peace they comfort me.

Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need. Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need. Yahweh is my shepherd I have everything I need.

Surely your goodness and your love will follow and pursue me. Your love will chase me down all of my days and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

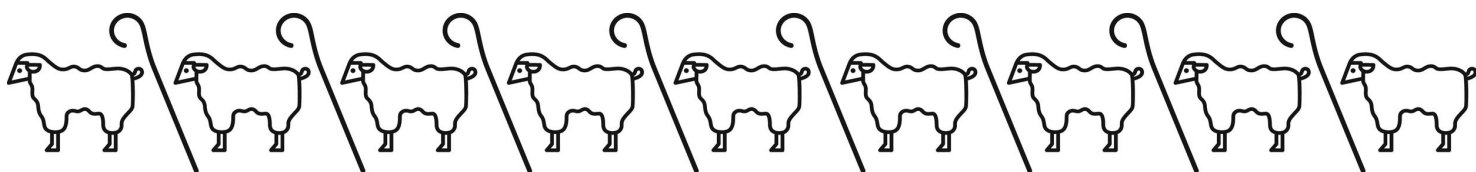
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Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ 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. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ 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. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C

Thanks be to God



Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to John in the 10th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day My Shepherd, You Supply My Need ELW 782

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,
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 the Church

L: Responding to the voice of our Good Shepherd, we raise our prayers for those needs of which we are aware. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the whole church, all the baptized flock under the Good Shepherd's care, that we may be ever grateful for all our blessings and faithful in our many and varied callings, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all the nations and peoples of the world, that peace and justice may replace violence and cruelty, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For God's amazing creation, in all its wonder and beauty, that we may always care for and respect it for our own sake and for future generations as well, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our sins and offences, that the immense mercy and grace of God draws us into lives of repentance and renewal, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the poor, the vilified, the scorned, and the ill, especially the youngest of us, that their lives may be healed and made whole, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any needs you now lift in speech or in silence.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all other needs, Lord, we seek your divine providence, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem

Oh, How You Love Me Words and Music: Karen Crane
Arr: Stewart Harris

You knew me before I was born. You are the one who gave me life. I was the apple of your eye. And by your design I was formed. I'm made according to your plan. Lord, you formed me with your mighty hand. Oh, how you love me. Oh, how you know me. You even counted the hairs on my head. With grace and mercy, each day you show me how much you love me and how much you care. You see me and call me by name. You are the one who knows my heart. The one who chose me from the start. And I am the reason you came. No greater love could ever be. Lord, you gave your love and life for me. Oh, how you love me. Oh, how you know me. You even counted the hairs on my head. With grace and mercy, each day you show me how much you love me and how much you care. Oh, how you love me. Oh, how you know me. You even counted the hairs on my head. With grace and mercy, each day you show me how much you love me and how much you care. how much you love me and how much you care.

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 the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 144

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

The Proper Preface is chanted.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 144

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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**

Agnus Dei Pg. 146

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 is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn **Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing** **ELW 544**

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Ed	Our Nursing Home Members
Coni Aparo	Michael Meyers	Jen O.	Dee Gammon
Charlie Blakeslee	Brigitte Mueller	Jaiden	Midge Rosenbeck
Kathy Ann Campbell	Bob Murphy	Steve	Mae Fay
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Barbara Nalette	Lou W.	Francine Ahrens
Carol Cianciolo	Karen Ness	Todd	Betty Hilton
Emma Cortina	Tom O'Brien	Robert K.	Walter Joray
Emily Decker	Karen Pagano	Terry	Daine Wright
J.J. Eby	Melissa Pilbin	Hagbard	Our Military Friends
Judy Elliott	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Peanut	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Diane Engle	Ed & Susan Regner	Diane L.	World and King of Peace,
Jan Eucalitto	Baerbel Roehl	Holly L.	watch over our sons and
Weston Faith	Patricia & Richard	Al & Mary	daughters in the service
Amy Falls	Sawitzke	Isaac	of their Country. Protect
Bruce & Liz Falls	Jean Schlapfer	Marci	them from the physical
Rosemarie Foth	Sarah Seelye	Kyle W.	and moral dangers.
Bob Frantz	Paul Smith	Michelle	Keep them close to you
Danise Hall	Sigrid Smitley	Ethan & his Marine Unit	and help them live the
Renate Higgins	Lori Sola	Jonathan E & his Army	commandments. Lord,
Kathleen Hilton	Deb & Jon Sterling	Unit	Jesus give them courage
Shannon Hilton	Tom Sterling Sr.		to serve their country with
Shaelynn Holmgren	RuthAnn Stone		honor and dignity. Be
Rusty Judd	Patricia Switzer		with them when they are
Brian Kiernan	Diane Tanner		in danger; strengthen
Marge Kiernan	Gloria Thibault		them when they face
Marilyn Killingbeck	Nancy Underwood		hardship. Above all Lord,
John Lewis	Lucille Videtto		grant that when their ser-
David Little	Carol Vrlik		vice is finished that they
Rebecca Little	Justin Wade & Family		may return to us, sound
Kari Machowski	Eveyln Walters		in mind, body and soul.
Audrey Marquard	Sue Watkins		Amen.
Abigail Marine	James Weber		Tyler Quinn
Eric Marine	Kim Weissman		Eric Beyus
Richard Marine	Bruce Yauney		Major Zachary Fulton
Janis Martin	Clarence & Priscilla		Brandan Holbrook
			Jonathan Connell
			Tom Gregg, Jr.
			Eric Bremer
			Peter Hutchinson
			SPC Dominic Boscarino
			PVT Noah Braatz
			PVT 2 Christian Braatz
			Aiden Avenia USCG
			2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
			Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Women of the ELCA	4/27	7 pm
Chris. Ed. Meeting	5/4	6:30 pm
Finance Committee	5/6	6 pm
Property Committee	5/6	7 pm
Toastmasters Club		7 pm
Penny Auction	5/8	5 pm
Motorcycle/Car Show	5/9	Noon
Council	5/11	7 pm
Potluck and Praise	5/14	6 pm
CYC Concert @ St. Paul's	5/17	4 pm
New Members Class	5/23	10 am

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

cancelled this week

Happy Anniversary Pastor and Amy!

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received 4/12	\$3,129
4/19	\$2,408
Shortfall 4/12	(\$3,161)
4/19	(\$3,882)
YTD shortfall	(\$39,792)

Minimalist bulletin

Prelude

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Psalm

Second Reading

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Reading of the Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Creed

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn ELW 140

Offertory Prayer

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Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome

Around the Church

Scholarship forms in Narthex. Due by April 30. No late apps will be accepted.

Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.

Anyone wishing to be a Sunday helper next year please sign up sheet in narthex or contact Pastor.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.

New Tai Chi class starting on Tuesday May 5, 2026 10 to 11:15 am \$12 per class

Divine by Design ~B Still & Breathe with Bonnie

Approach

I embrace a holistic approach to better health. Through the practice of gentle movement, breathwork and mindful meditation we are able to release stress and anxiety, and thus harmonize mind, body, spirit and emotions. By enhancing tranquility, we improve balance, coordination, mind/body awareness, flexibility, circulation and range of motion. Participants blossom in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Teaching Experience

For the past 12 years, I have taught tai chi, qigong, and mindful meditation with large groups and small in many venues, including the Sullivan Senior Center in Torrington, the Torrington Historical Society, Keystone Place at Newbury Brook, the Torrington Health Department, and Ed Advance.

Training

I have been practicing tai chi, qigong, yoga and meditation for over 30 years and have trained with national and international experts in the field, including: Paul Lam, Master Yang Yang, Lee Holden, Greg DeLisio, Ken Nelson, and Daisy Lee among others.

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