

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

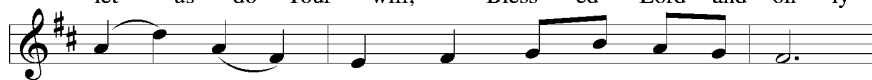
711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



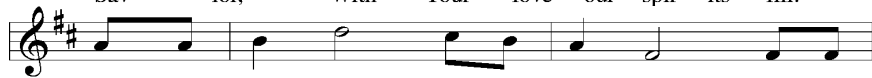
1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



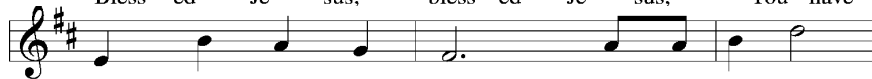
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



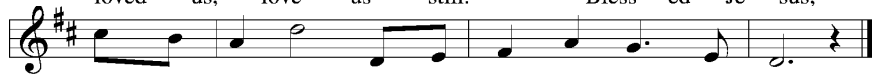
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.
 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-68
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Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

Confession and Absolution

- L** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Romans 5:8-11

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
- L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

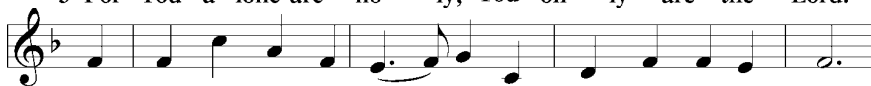
Psalm 23

- L** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- L** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- L** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Gloria in Excelsis



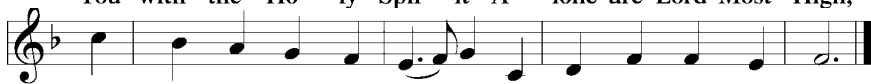
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
- 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
- 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Acts Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Verse 1 - Kids Choir; Verse 2-3 Congregation



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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 Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig
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L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Prayer Response

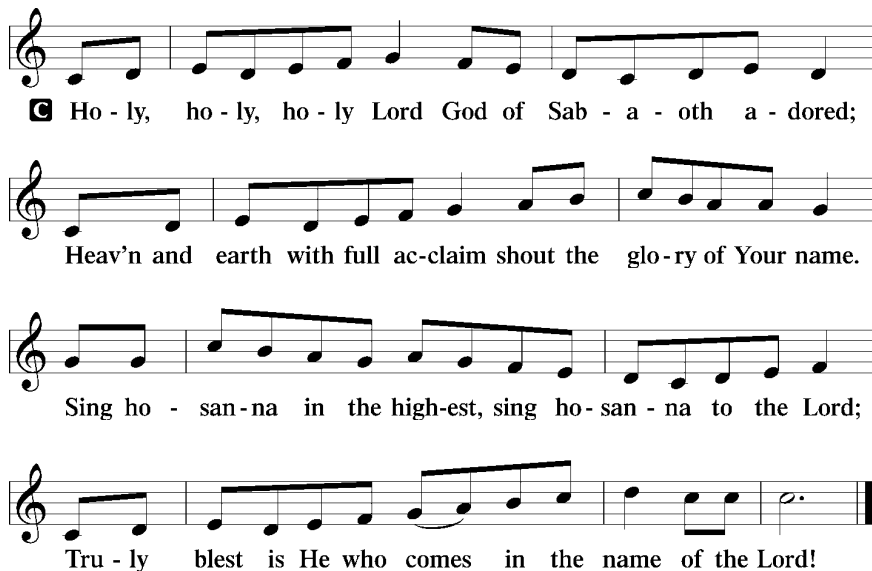
- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

The Words of Our Lord

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei



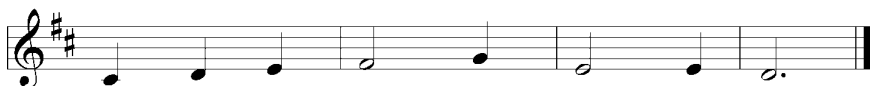
- C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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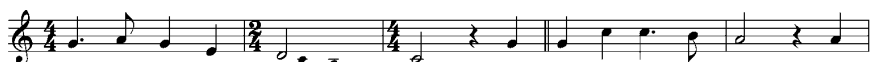
Grace



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home, from death to life for -
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide, to ev - 'ry tribe and
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow; my song re - sound for -



ev - - er. And sings the song of right - eous - ness by
na - - tion, has called my heart to en - ter in the
wis - - dom. The prince of life, with - out a stain, was
ev - - er. For grace will see me wel - comed home to



blood and not by mer - - it. *(To Verse 2)*
joy of Your sal - va - - tion. By grace I am re - deemed. By
trad - ed for this sin - - er.
walk be - side my Sav - - iour.



grace I am re - stored. And now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my



Lord.

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Come to the Table



1. Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre -
2. *(Instrumental)*
3. *(Repeat Verse 1)*



pared with the wine and the bread; All who are hun - gry and thirst



y, come and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion, re -



ceive from His nail - scarred hand; Eat of the bread of sal - va -



tion, drink of the blood of the Lamb. _

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The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Amen.

Call to Christian Community

- L** "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). After the last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. The Christian life isn't meant to be lived alone, but in community. Now receive God's Blessing:

Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**
L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the gall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.



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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Discovering Christianity – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Sunday School – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- LWML Circle of Friends – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Pastoral Call Process

The Call Committee is accepting pastoral nominations thru Sunday, May 3rd. For your convenience, there are nomination forms available in the narthex that can be placed in the offering plate, in the mailbox on the office door, or you can submit your nomination via email to callcommittee@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Undie Sunday Collection Update

Thank you to the St. James congregation and the LWML for your generosity during our March "Undie Sunday" collection.

The following items were delivered to Winefer Greer for the District 7 School District:

- 200 pairs of socks (22 bundles)
- 180 pairs of underwear (30 bundles)

We appreciate the continued faithfulness and service of our congregation in supporting students within our community. Tina Enke *LWML President*

Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt Update

The Fellowship Team would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Easter celebration. It was a successful event with a wonderful turnout from our community.

Event Highlights:

- Attendance: Over 100 guests served for brunch.
- Egg Hunt: 30 children participated.

Special Acknowledgments:

- Food Preparation: Thank you to the volunteers who prepared the French toast casseroles and additional dishes.
- Egg Hunt: A special thank you to Marilyn Whipkey for filling over 400 eggs.
- Service: Gratitude to everyone who assisted with the clean-up efforts.

We appreciate the hard work of our volunteers and the participation of our congregation in making this event possible. The Fellowship Team

Spring Clean-up Update

A sincere thank you to the **MEHLS students** and **St. James members** who assisted with our Spring Clean-up last Wednesday. Your hard work in maintaining our church grounds and facilities is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

If you would like to submit a prayer request or join the Prayer Warriors Team please reach out to prayer-request@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office.

St. James offers a quarterly newsletter for our congregation. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please reach out to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office.

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars



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