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April 26, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

setting, Lynn Trapp

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

VIDI AQUAM (*I saw water*) (9:30) Page 12 in the tan pew book

OPENING HYMN 118 *Alleluja! Jezus Żyje/Christ is Risen!* (1-Polish 2, 3- English)

Alleluja! Jezus żyje! Juz Go wiecej grób nie kryje,
W którym trzy dni spoczywał, w którym trzy dni spoczywał.

Alleluia! He has vanquished mankind's sin that us imprisoned
In such slavery shamefully, in such slavery shamefully.

Alleluia! Truth has triumphed; mean deceit is surely dying.
Truth reigns over earth now freed, truth reigns over earth now freed.

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INTROIT

Ezekiel 34:31; Psalms 79:13

C: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia. **R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia.** C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of Your people; strengthen us through Your risen presence. May we walk with You each day and follow You in humble trust for You are the Good Shepherd, You call us by name and lead us. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call. He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Isaiah 40:11

C: Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, alleluia. **R: Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass*

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

The. LORD is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2: 20-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

1 Peter 5:4, Ps 95:7

Choir, then all: Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: And when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock he guides. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John10:1-10

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 141 *Holy Spirit, Come, We Ask You*

Holy Spirit, come, we ask You, saving grace we need from You.
Through this heav’nly revelation may our stubborn will be moved.
May we fully comprehend, guided by Your constant hand.
Standing on Your words of promise, we confirm and praise Your goodness.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Jeremiah 3:15

I will appoint over you shepherds after My own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty Father, accept this holy oblation and grant a loving, wise and courageous spirit to all who pastor, minister and teach in Your name. Through all their words and deeds they may seek Your glory and the increase of Your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

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~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Gift of Finest Wheat* (verses as needed)

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls the sheep, they know and heed his voice,
So, when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *R*

With joyful lips we sing to You our praise and gratitude,
That You should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heaven'ly food. *R*

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *R*

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell.
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *R*

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your Name in truth and charity. *R*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, Jesus Christ, You so shepherd Your people that they shall not want. Lead us peacefully to Your green pastures and refresh us beside Your still waters. For us who have shared in the Holy Banquet restore our souls when we go astray and always lead us in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! **R: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 137 *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; / The victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst, / But Christ their legions hath dispersed;

Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, / And sing today with one accord,

The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G*

J. S. Bach

Wednesday, April 29th

6:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

Noon – 1:00 – One Hot Meal

Lectors:

4/26 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Judy Snyder

11:15 – David Rychleski

5/3 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Patrick McHugh

11:15 – David Rychleski

Next Sunday, May 3rd – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **canned vegetables** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory Brian Fallon offered by wife, Janet.

Marian Devotions – Our prayerful devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be offered each Wednesday during her month, the month of May, at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral. The Litany to our Blessed Mother, the Theotokos, the Mother of God, together with the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated beginning May 6th and the successive Wednesdays of the 13th, 20th and 27th. Please plan to participate in our Marian devotions this year.

Daily Mass Schedule, 8:30 am. Healing Mass Thursday.