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April 26th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Diane Bish

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Donald Fishel

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (From Psalm 100)

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord.

People: *Let us come into God's presence with rejoicing.*

Leader: For the LORD is our God.

People: *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

Leader: The LORD is good.

People: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: His faithfulness is to all generations.

People: *Let us give thanks and bless God's holy name.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 515

“I Come with Joy”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be the people you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned. We have wandered from your way. We have not loved you with a pure heart. We have not cared for our neighbors. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, O God. We have looked to the things of this world to provide an abundant life and have not listened to the voice of the Good Shepherd. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us with your loving hand so that we may live in your light and abide in your house forever. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God and our Redeemer. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23, Page 501

ANTHEM

Natalie Smith

“Hymn of Promise”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 10: 1-11, page 103

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Dr. Edna Ann Loftus

“Abundant Life”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Latin Hymn

“That Easter Day was Bright with Joy”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Brian Wren

“Christ is Risen” Should Hosanna”

*POSTLUDE

David Johnson

“Trumpet Tune in C”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of April 26th – May 3rd

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday: **Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter**
 5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. Robbins Food Bank

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal / Rev. Elizabeth Pope
 3:00 p.m. Session Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome back Dr. Edna Ann Loftus as she brings forth our message today.

The session will meet on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Please note the time change.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The Church Mouse / Newsletter will be distributed on Wednesday, April 29th. If you have any information, pictures of events or meetings that will be occurring in the month of May, please send them to Sonya so they will be posted in the May edition.

The flowers in the church are given in the Glory of God by Angie and Jeff Medlin.