

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026 9:00AM  
Order of Worship  
Worship For Life liturgy  
(maroon Hymnal Supplement, located on shelf below the ELW large red hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #556 Morning Has Broken

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day-

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Move us to love with mercy. Amen**

Hymn of Praise- Rise Up With Him (Worship For Life folder)

Psalm 23

Anthem- Celebrate Jesus Joyful Noise

\*\* Congregation to join in singing 'Celebrate Jesus', repeating the anthem the *second* time with Joyful Noise (Watch for Megan Tatzel's lead)

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate (repeat 3 times)

He is risen, He is risen

And He lives forevermore

He is risen, He is risen

Come on and celebrate

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The resurrection of our Lord (repeat verse)

Gospel: John 10:1-10 NRSVUE

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

Anthem- Holy, Holy, Holy Radical Ringers +

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW #739 Touch the Earth Lightly

Blessing of Graduates

Prayers of the People- (response to 'Lord, in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer.')

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Offertory Response- I Will Give Thanks to the Lord (Worship For Life folder)

P: Let us pray.

**All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- This Do in Remembrance of Me (Worship For Life folder)

Communion Hymn- ELW #778 The Lord's My Shepherd

Post Communion- You Are Lord (Worship For Life folder)

Announcements

Children's Message- with guest, Mary Klein

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #881 Let All Things Now Living

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Musicians:

Sherry Johnson, Director of Music, [sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org](mailto:sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org)

Judy Hughes, Song Leader Sherry Johnson, Pianist

Joyful Noise- Preslie B, Greta C, Felicity D, Holden D, Harper G, Vivienne K, Lucy L, Stella L, Beatrice M, Brooks R, Elle R, Noah R, Evan T; Megan Tatzel, Director

Radical Ringers+ - Kristin Benz (JuBELLation Ringer), Miriam Braa, Jack Chose, Hayden Ellefson, Christina Johnson (JuBELLation Ringer), Cody Johnson (RR alum), Shawn Johnson, Sherry Johnson (Director of Music), Sage Mommaerts, Marshall Richmann; Jan Rutkowski, Director

Greeter: Kristina Luedtke

Ushers: Kevin Arvold, Tom Wilson, Curt Cooley, Leo and Walter Olson

Communion Assistants: Judy Engebretson, Bob Gross, Elaine Mischler

Bread Bakers: Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson

Audio/Visual Team: The Walkes Communion Setup: Mike and Carolyn Niehoff

Sunday Morning Hospitality Time (Coffee & Donuts): Janell Benish

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Karen Locken, Lead Pastor [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org)

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