

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street
Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

Paul E. Kaldahl, Pastor

Easter 4

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April 26 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Welcome

Order of Worship – LSB Divine Service 5 - pg. 213

Invocation; Confession and Absolution

Psalm 23

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

P: 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.

P: 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.

Kyrie - LSB #943 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son

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Gloria in Excelsis – LSB #947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

All glory be to God on high

And thanks for all His favor

No harm can touch or terrify

A child of God forever.

God shows His good and gracious will

And grants His peace, the world to fill

All strife at last has ended.

We praise and laud and worship You

We give you thanks forever

O Father for Your rule is true

And just and changes never.

With boundless power Your mighty reign

fulfills whatever You ordain.

Lord grant us every blessing.

O Jesus Christ, the only Son

Begotten of the Father,

Your saving death has made us one

With God and with each other.

O Lamb of God, to You on high

In our distress we sinners cry

Have mercy on us, amen!

O Holy Spirit, our delight

And source of consolation

Protect us from the devil's might

Through Jesus, our salvation,

Who by His death upon a tree

Has rescued us from misery

To this we hold forever.

Collect and Responses – pg. 214

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

First Lesson – Acts 2:42-47

(The Fellowship of the Believers)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and

belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising 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.

Second Lesson – 1 Peter 2:19-25

(We are taught to endure suffering by the example of the risen Christ.)

For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

Holy Gospel - John 10:1-10

(Jesus teaches about the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep.)

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore, Jesus

said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Creedal Hymn – LSB #719 "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

Sermon

(please rise)

Prayer of the Church – pg. 215

Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering *(hymn will be sung during the offering)*

Offering Hymn - LSB # 547 "The Lamb"

Lord's Prayer – pg. 217 (Or inside back cover)

Benedicamus and Benediction – pg. 218

Closing Hymn - LSB # 550 "Lamb of God"

Announcements and Postlude

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

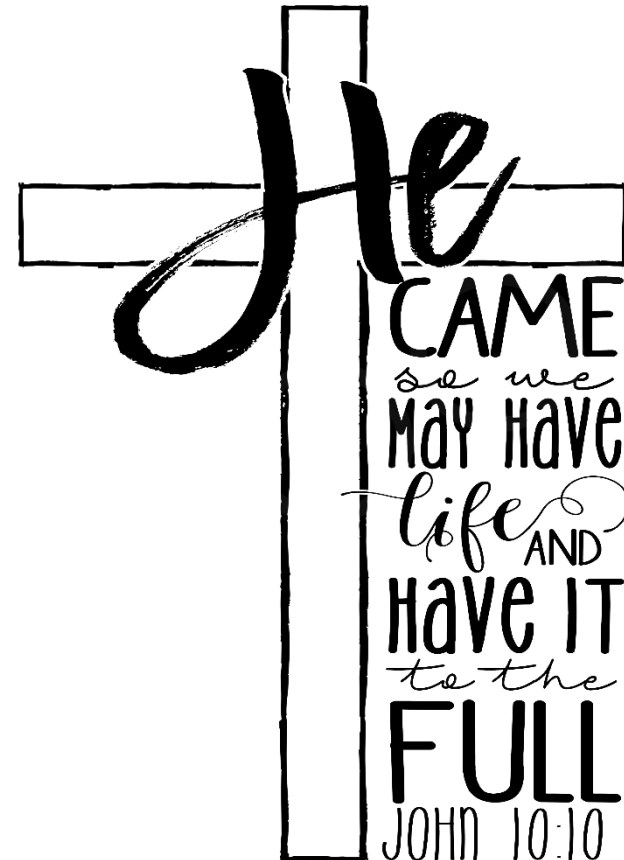
Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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