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Worship Bulletin for April 26, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
and gives us refreshment of soul.

Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
so that the name of God will be glorified.

Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,
for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,
and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

***Hymn**

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

GtG # 187

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,
that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear.

Paths that lead to dread and death.

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,

Life that is abundant and eternal,

Life that began at the creation of all things.

Forgive us, turn us to the right path,

and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.

We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again
that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at
peace. Alleluia! Amen.

*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.

Anthem

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request
can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer

O Lord, Hear our Prayer

(pew song sheet)

Prayers lifted to God

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.

*Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

GtG # 802

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

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 spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O 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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Tender Shepherd, we come like sheep, dependent on your guidance, longing to hear your voice. Speak to us a word of reassurance that encouraged by your word, we may be strengthened for our daily life and service. Amen.

First Lesson:

Ezekiel 34:11-16

OT page #803

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Second Lesson:

John 10:1-10

NT page #103

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

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**Affirmation of Faith (by Bruce D. Prewer)*

I believe I need a shepherd.

Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,
because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,
because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places,
because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,
because the things I crave may not be what is good for me,
I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;
his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,
his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,
his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,
his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.
I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,
that I under his care by virtue of sheer grace,
the love he gives me is to be shared with others,
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,
that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.
I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

**Hymn*

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GtG # 542

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOSTS: Bill and Nancy Samsel

OFFERING COUNTERS: Shari Gallegos and Pam Arnsberger

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday: **Bell Choir at 2:15PM**

Thursday: **Choir at 2PM**

Saturday: **Home Cluster at Sandy Petznick's home at 4PM**

Upcoming Event

- **May 2nd:** Lois Holcomb Memorial Service at 11AM, Sanctuary
- **June 2nd:** Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall, starts at 8:30AM by appointment only using the Red Cross app.