

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? **Psalm 116:12**

I came that they might have life and have it abundantly. **John 10:10b**

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. **1 Peter 2:25**

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. **Psalm 23:1**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Easter Proclamation

Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

Introit (3x)

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

Proclamation

Please join me in our proclamation:
In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 19**

“God of Great and God of Small”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 243 (3x)**

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Malawi, Zambia

Response 250, v. 1

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!*
*In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

First Pew

Response 250, v.3

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 10:1-10

Sermon

“Abundant Life”

***Hymn 803**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Guns to Gardens Blessing

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“The Lord is My Shepherd,” *arr. James Kirby*

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

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Sending 246, v. 1, 5

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news
to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.*

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

Julian of Norwich

The glory of God is a human being fully alive.

Irenaeus of Lyons

Abundance is not something we acquire. It is something we tune into.

Wayne Dyer

What you have, give. What you are, become.

St. Francis of Assisi

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

Guns to Gardens Blessing

adapted from a prayer
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Sunday, April 26 • Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Ezekiel 34:7-15 Psalm 100 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Youth Group at SPC until 2:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Autism Acceptance Workshop Fellowship Hall / Zoom

2:15 p.m. Youth Group at Shepherd Game Room until 4:15 p.m.

Monday, April 27

7:00 p.m. Special Called Session Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 29

Office Hours 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Safe Gun Desposal Event –
Shepherdstown Fire Hall

Sunday, May 3 • Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall / Downstairs

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
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Eastertide
Fourth Sunday

April 26, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Psalm 23, Paraphrase

Shepherd me, Love.
Lead me out from my attachments.
Lead me to the green meadow of your heart,
the calm, clear stream of your peace and nourishment.
Fill me with your breath again,
breath of your Spirit.
Lead me in your way,
not mine,
even through darkest canyons
shadowed by death,
for your presence is my safety,
your will my comfort.
You invite me to your table with my enemies
to share with them your grace:
gift that overflows,
blessing that makes life beautiful.
Lead me where goodness and mercy go;
then on every road
I will still be at home in you.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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