



# Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

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## Jesus is the Shepherd

Not You

Come & Worship + 10 am + Sunday, April 26, 2026  
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church + Edmonton, AB



### April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell  
Assisting Minister: Marilyn Murray  
Ministers: Every member  
Ushers: Paul T & Dan L

Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Isaac Courneyea  
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell  
Worship Host: Brent Andringa

#### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “*Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom*” (ACS 1064)

#### Greeting

**Kyrie & Gloria** - ELW Setting 7, p. 138

#### Prayer of the Day

**Children’s Time** – Sandra T

**First Reading** Ezekiel 34:7-15

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: <sup>8</sup> As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. <sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

**Psalm 100** read responsively

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

**<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

**<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:19-25

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation** - ELW Setting 7, p. 179

**Gospel** John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] <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 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."

## **Sermon**

**Song of the DAY** '*Children of the Heavenly Father*' (ELW 781)

**Statement of Faith** – written by Dan Sire

**I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.**

**I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.**

**I believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice. I believe that in his death,**

**Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.**

**I believe that in his resurrection,**

**Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.**

**I believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love.**

**I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **Peace**

**Offertory** "*The Church Song*" (W&P 135) ref, vs 4, ref

## **Offering Prayer**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

**The Lord's Prayer** – contemporary sung

## **Invitation to Communion**

## **Communion Songs**

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 7, p. 182

'*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*' (ELW 789)

'*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*' (ELW 484)

'*Her is Bread*' (ELW 483)

**Benediction** – '*Hope Everlasting*' Liturgy of the Beloved

## **Community Life**

**Sending Song** '*The Spirit Sends*' (ACS 988)

## Dismissal

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## *A Taste of May*

HSLC Building Fundraiser with Silent Auction

Wine, Chocolate &  
Cheese Tasting  
Saturday, May 2  
7 - 10 pm

Silent Auction closes @ 9:30 pm  
along with door prize draw

**Tickets - \$20**

Includes:

- 1 Wine/nonalcoholic beverage (add'l beverages \$5)
- 3 pcs of chocolate
- Asst'd cheese & crackers
- Live piano music



Hosted by the community engagement  
and stewardship committee

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Administration Committee

Tuesday, May 5 @ 6:30 pm (zoom)

### Community Engagement Committee

Wednesday, May 6 @ 3 pm

### Communication Committee

Tuesday, May 12 @ 6:30 pm

### Ministry Committee

Wednesday, May 13 @ 11 am

### Stewardship Committee

Thursday, May 14 @ 7 pm (zoom)

### Worship Committee

Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:30 pm



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HOLY SPIRIT'S  
MINISTRY**

**#Allarewelcome**