

THIS WEEK AT OUR LORD'S:

Sunday, April 26 - Easter IV

9am Christian Education
10:30am Worship

Monday, April 27

11:30am-7:30pm Office Hours
10:30am Alanon
10am-1pm Weight Watchers
5pm-8pm Weight Watchers

Tuesday, April 28

8:15am Tuesday Prayer Group
7pm AA (Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 29

9am-4pm Office Hours

Thursday, April 31

9am Quilting
4:30pm S.T.O.P.

Friday, May 1

9am-4pm Office Hours

Saturday, May 2

9am Food Bank

Sunday, May 3 - Easter V

9am Christian Education
10:30am Worship



Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Len & Connie Erikson in celebration of their son, Steve's, 60th birthday; and by **the O'Brien Family** in memory of former member Pat Dove.

Flower orders (\$22 per bouquet) may be placed by filling out the form located below the flower chart at the church office. Please leave completed forms in Mike Evans's mailbox.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN SERVICE

This Week

Assisting Minister: Ken Carlton
Cantor: Lois Carlton
Greeter: Len & Connie Erikson
Usher: Fred Gosz, Bob Smith
Altar Guild: Deborah Gillson,
Linda Scheidt
Money Counters: Wayne & Karen
Karst
Bulletin Editor: Luke Green
April Flower Pickup: Lois Joseph

Next Week

Assisting Minister: TBA
Cantor: TBA
Greeter: Amanda Green
Usher: Larry Eberhardt, Cal Benhardt
Altar Guild: Loree McMahan, Gloria
O'Brien
Money Counters: Dick & Gloria O'Brien
Bulletin Editor: Fred Grosz
May Flower Pickup: Susan Maxfield

Finances

Last Sunday's Receipts:
\$3559

Weekly Needs:
\$3728



Our Lord's Lutheran Church News

Check our website for updated news and information: ollc.org

Sunday, April 26, 2015

SILENCE IS GOLDEN. Please be mindful of your noise level when entering the sanctuary as we prepare for worship.

ACTIVITY SHEETS, crayons, and pencils are available for children elementary age and younger from an usher.

PASSING THE PEACE with a gentle handshake would be appreciated by those with arthritis.

LWR HEALTH KIT items may be placed in the green box in the narthex. A full list of items needed is provided at the Information Center. *This month we are collecting light-weight, bath-size towels (between 20"x40" and 27"x52"), dark in color.*

INFORMATION CENTER, located just outside the sanctuary: *Christ In Our Home devotions; The Parish Life* newsletter; event information; other items of interest.

FLOWER CHART has several open spaces for April. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for any of the open Sundays.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is continuing with "Claimed, Gathered, Sent". Please join us as we study the nature of the church and what it means to be distinctly Lutheran.

REGIONAL OKLAHOMA Food Bank work day is next Saturday, May 2 at 9am.



Fourth Sunday of

Synod Assembly

We are seeking one male and one female delegate for Synod assembly next weekend in Tulsa. This is a wonderful opportunity for amazing worship, learning more about the church and its ministries, meeting other Lutherans, and joining with people around the synod in service to others. Please take this opportunity if you are able! For more information, please contact Pastor Amanda.

Thrivent Matching Funds

The Oklahoma County Thrivent Chapter still has some funds available for matching through the Care Abounds in Community Program. The funds are available to match funds on a 1 to 3 basis for projects that will benefit the community. In the past we have used matching funds for support of Oaks Indian Mission, Habitat for Humanity, etc. If your committee, group, organization, etc. typically support some community agency and wish to seek matching funds you will need to submit a proposal within the next 3-4 weeks. Please contact Larry Eberhardt or Fred Grosz for information and help.

WORSHIP NOTES

For Guests

Thank you for blessing us with your presence today! It is our prayer that you will encounter God's love in this place! We love to greet our guests and have them sign the guestbook, but we'll never point you out in worship or make you stand up. Please feel free to share as much or as little information as you like. Coffee, doughnuts, and lots of laughter usually happen after worship in the fellowship hall, which is located through the doors next to the coat racks. Please join us for this time also, Check out our web page for more information about who we are, how we live in the power of the trinity, and what we believe. OLLC.org.

Our time together for worship typically lasts at least an hour and fifteen minutes.

Our hearts are just too full of praise to limit ourselves to an hour.

If you have reason to leave a bit before we conclude, we won't judge you.

We are thankful that you joined us for the time that you did, and hope you will return!

About Communion

In the tradition of Jesus eating at the tables of all kinds, with all peoples, we practice Eucharistic hospitality, which means **YOU ARE WELCOME**. In tradition, this is Christ's meal of renewal for those who have been baptized and have received some type of instruction regarding the importance and holiness of being in communion with God. In scripture, Christ invites all to his table. You are welcome at Christ's table, and strongly encouraged to be in conversation with the pastor, and prayer with God, if you have not yet been baptized, or have been baptized but have not received instruction. Communion without baptism is incomplete. Children are welcome when their parents/guardians believe they can understand that this is a special time where they receive God's love. Until this time, children are offered a grape instead.

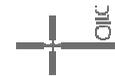
The simplest way to understand the manner in which we receive communion is to watch the people who go ahead of you. It is easier to see than to read. As the usher guides you, take a glass from the tray, circle up around the altar and kneel or stand as you are able, receive communion, take a moment to pray if you wish, then leave down the side steps behind you and place your cup in the basket at the front row.

If you need grape juice, please indicate this by placing your hand over your glass as the chalice (the fancy cup) approaches.

If the steps are a challenge for you, you may stand at the base of the steps or stay in your place, and the servers are glad to come to you. If you stay in your place, please make sure to catch the attention of the usher.

Prayer Requests and Announcements

Prayer and announcement requests may be made by filling out a green card, found in the pew racks. Please use separate cards for announcements and prayer requests, and limit announcements to events concerning the mission and ministry of the whole congregation and save personal sharing for coffee hour; write legibly. *Please fill out these cards at the beginning of worship. The ushers will pick them up during the hymn of the day.*



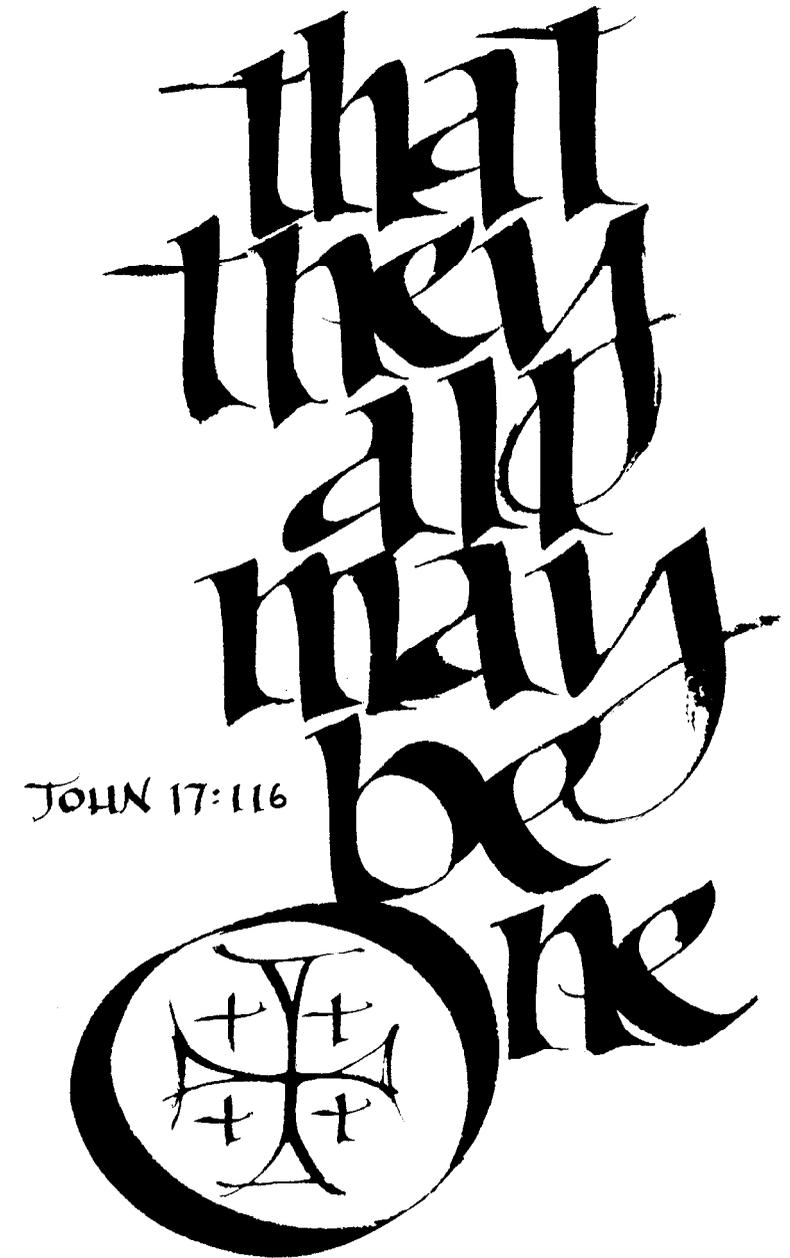
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JOHN 17:116

You are witnesses.

Jesus was talking to the first disciples, but He is also talking to us. We are witnesses. We are the people who have seen, who know, whose lives have been forever changed. This is the witness, the testimony, we carry within ourselves.

What is it that you have seen? Most have not seen the risen Christ physically eat broiled fish, but we have all seen something in our own lives or in the lives of others. Where have you seen a life made new. When have you felt a sense of peace so deep that it carried you through whatever crisis you were facing at the moment? How has your life been changed?

What is your witness? What do others see in you, in us together? How do they see the world being changed when you encounter it? Who is baffled at the hope and peace which reside in you and asks for an explanation? How do your calendar, your desktop, and your credit card statement reflect your faith?

Today we have a tangible sign of God making us new as we welcome new members. Neither their lives nor ours will ever be the same as the body of Christ gathered in this place is re-formed with new gifts, talents, hopes, hurts, and histories. Such a blessing for everybody! As our story in Christ continues together, we will surely witness much more of God's work through our community as we bear this witness to the world both near and far. Thanks be to God!

Christ is Risen, and we shall Arise! Alleluia!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us rise as we are able.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May the glory of Christ shine through you.

May the new life of Christ live in you.

And, may the hope of the resurrection guide you.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

April 26 #789

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

May 10 #832

My Lord of Light

May 17 #393

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission:

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Let us go in hope, to bring new life to the world!

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS

April 26	#377	<i>Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!</i>
	#390	<i>The Risen Christ</i>
	#782	<i>My Shepherd, You Supply My Need</i>
May 10	#847	<i>Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs</i>
		<i>Praise Him, Praise, Him, All You Little Children</i>
	#555	<i>Oh, Sing to God Above</i>
May 17	#576	<i>We Are All One in Mission</i>
	#366	<i>The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done</i>
	#361	<i>The Day of Resurrection!</i>

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Let us remain seated for the blessing and post-communion song.
May the body and blood of our Living Lord, Jesus Christ, bring new life in you!



Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

The assisting minister leads the congregation in prayer:

Let us pray,
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us rise as we are able and face the baptismal font, a place where we are joined into the One who is forgiveness, and we join into the body of Christ. If you have not been baptized, please join with us in the celebration of God's work and take part in as your faith allows. If the Holy Spirit is moving you towards baptism, please speak with the pastor!

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

As we begin, all make the sign of the cross, the sign with which we are sealed at baptism.
We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we have died with him and are raised with him to new life, to live together
as the body of Christ.

As we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,
let us give thanks for all the ways we are being made new each day
through this gift.

Water is poured into the font as the thanksgiving is said.

We give thanks for the promises of baptism,
promises which are made manifest every day through your presence.

WEST: For the community of Christ, gathered and upholding us in faith.

EAST: For allowing our old self to die away.

WEST: For Bringing new life from our brokenness, shortcomings, and sin.

EAST: For your nourishment and forgiveness by the Word and the Eucharist.

WEST: For trusting us to proclaim your good news to the world.

EAST: For opportunities to serve all people in your name.

WEST: For being free to love, through hope in you.

EAST: For allowing us to see reality as more than the world present to us.

ALL: And for bringing us into your eternal kingdom on the day of the resurrection.

Pour out your Spirit on all those gathered around your font today, allowing them to know your peace, live from your hope, know their sins are forgiven, and have vision to see you working to bring new life in their lives and in the world.

Amen

Having given thanks for baptism, and for being formed as the body of Christ through these waters, we welcome *names* as new members of the Body of Christ gathered in this place. We join with them in affirming promises and responsibilities of baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Let us join in the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

The presiding minister invites the people to renew their connection to the body of Christ at the table our Lord sets for us.

Jesus was raised that we have life.

Come be made new at Christ's table.

Let us be seated for all is prepared.

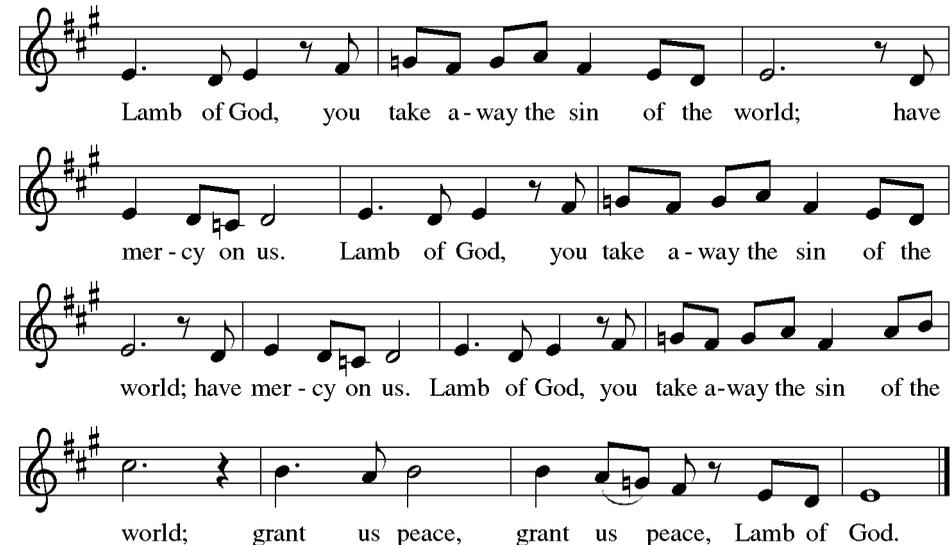
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person responds: Amen

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ is risen! Holy God, Mighty Lord, Gracious Father, ...

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore O God, with this bread and cup...

... we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...

... and receive our inheritance with your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place...

... now and forever.

Amen

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The congregation and the new members all respond as one.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, living as the community of Christ gathered in this place, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. As we welcome these people, may we be a mutual blessing to each other, living as your resurrected body in hope and harmony.

Amen

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We welcome you into the body of Christ gathered in this place, and into the mission we share.

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN

April 26 #502
May 10 #419
May 17 #389

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
For All the Faithful Women (vss. 1, 4, 2, Last)
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

Meal

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set and the choir offers a gift of music. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward as the assembly offers their hearts in song.

OFFERTORY SONG

#692 *We Are an Offering*

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer:

Let us pray.

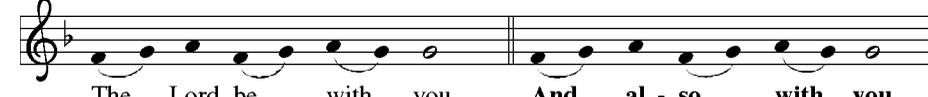
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and respond to those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer:
 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
 Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world -
 for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;
 for the well-being of creation;
 for peace and justice in the world, the nations, and those in authority,
 the community;
 for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;
 for all who suffer in body, mind, spirit;
 for the congregation, and for special concerns.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful departed may include those who recently
 have died and those commemorated on the church's calendar.

Each portion of the prayer ends:
 Hear us, O God,
and bring new life.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words:
 Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
 Trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of
 the risen Christ:
 The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We share a sign of God's peace with one another using the words:
 "Peace be with you."

Let us be seated.

AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME SO I HAVE LOVED YOU
 ABIDE IN MY LOVE
 JOHN 15:9

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
 After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen**

Let us be seated.

Word

FIRST READING

A reading from ____
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The psalm for the day is sung.
 April 26 #778



The Lord's My Shepherd

SECOND READING

A reading from First John.
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Let us stand as we are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel, according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel:
 The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Let us rise to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

April 26	#780	<i>Shepherd Me, O God</i>
May 10	#822	<i>Oh, Sing to the Lord</i>
May 17	#548	<i>Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen</i>