

Hymns:

Gathering— <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	ELW 807
Hymn of the Day— <i>Have No Fear, Little Flock</i>	ELW 764
Sending— <i>What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine</i>	ELW 774
Prelude— <i>Fourth Couplet Kyrie</i>	F. COUPERIN
Choir Anthem <i>This Joyful Eastertide</i>	GIESEKE
Communion— <i>Pange Lingua</i>	DUPRE
Postlude— <i>Piece Terminale</i>	TOURNEMIRE

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:7-15

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸ 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, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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. ²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] ¹ “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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>	<i>Caroline Raszewski</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>	<i>Caroline Raszewski</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
		<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Melba Murphy</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>

Welcome in Christ. Today we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we welcome into our life together at Our Saviour Lutheran Church:

Judy and John Shotts, by transfer from Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington, South Carolina

Tyler Cox, by affirmation of baptism

Melodie Capole, by affirmation of baptism

In baptism, God joins us to Christ and to one another. We rejoice to receive these sisters and brothers into the shared life of this congregation!

During the Passing of the Peace, you are invited to greet those near you with a handshake and the words, "Peace be with you." Making eye contact and recognizing one another is one way we live out who we are as a people who follow Jesus, grow in God's love, and care for our neighbor. You might even share the peace with someone you don't usually talk to.

We also know that people have different comfort levels, mobility needs, and levels of sensitivity to touch, so please continue to be thoughtful and respectful of one another. Thank you for helping us share the peace of Christ in this simple and meaningful way.

God's Helping Hands current needs are: vegetable oil, breakfast cereal, small bags of sugar and flour, small cans of soup. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.

May Grapevine Deadline: Monday, April 27, 9:00 am.

Young Adults/Faith Formation Team meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at 9:00 am.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick
Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

<i>Sunday</i> <i>(April 26)</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>3:00 pm</i>	<i>Joint OSLC-WELCA Mtg.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Young Adults/Faith Formation Mtg.</i>
	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Community Lunch</i>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>(May 3)</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
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