

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE PIONEER CHURCH OF WYOMING



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
APRIL 26, 2026 | 9:30 AM**



WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. Mark's! Today is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday," after the imagery we hear in the readings appointed for today. These readings help us to remember that the risen Christ is not distant from us, but continues to be the shepherd that calls us by name and fathers us into the life and peace of God.

Did you know that the earliest depictions of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd? Found in the catacombs around Rome, and dating from the third century, the first known paintings of Jesus show him as a shepherd carrying a sheep across his shoulders.

When Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd" in today's lesson, he is making one of the seven great "I am" statements in John's Gospel. In doing so he is also taking up the language of the familiar and beloved Psalm 23, which begins with "The Lord is my shepherd." In Jesus we see this image of God as our shepherd made flesh, walking with us through both green pastures and shadowed valleys.

Today is a good day to give thanks for those who have guided us in our own lives, parents and grandparents, teachers and friends, all those whose love has helped us find our path in life. Ultimately, we are called to remember with joy that it is Christ who shepherds and guides us always and brings us to peace.

As we begin our worship this morning, I invite you to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, knowing that you are welcomed and loved in this place.

We are glad you're here.

Blessings,

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Prelude

Dana Anderson, *piano*

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us,” *arr. Lorie Line*

Entering Procession (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 180

“He is risen,” *Unser Herrscher*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity (standing)

BCP 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All children through age ten are invited to follow the Children’s Processional Cross to Children’s Chapel.

Gloria (standing, sung by all) *Gloria in excelsis*

S 278

“Glory to God,” *William Mathias*



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day (standing)

BCP 225

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (seated)

Acts 2:42-47

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (seated, chanted by the choir)

Psalm 23, *Dominus regit me*

*O God, you are my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.*

*You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.*

*You revive my soul
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.*

*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.*

*You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in your house, O God, for ever.*

The Second Lesson (seated)

1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 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. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 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. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 708

"Savior, like a shepherd lead us," *Sicilian Mariners*

The Gospel (standing)

John 10:1-10

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (seated)

The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

The Nicene Creed (standing, said by all)

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

The Prayers of the People (standing) *Form III*

BCP 387

Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those on the St. Mark's prayer list, for St. George's Episcopal Church in Lusk and for the Church of Nigeria; for the flowers on the altar, given to the Glory of God; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

During the season of Easter, we omit the Confession as a way of celebrating Christ's triumph over sin and the assurance of salvation and new life for all who are joined with him in his death and resurrection.

The Peace (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

An offering is received to support the ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the sharing of God's love in Cheyenne and beyond. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR Code, or with our tap-to-give device.



Offertory Hymn (seated)

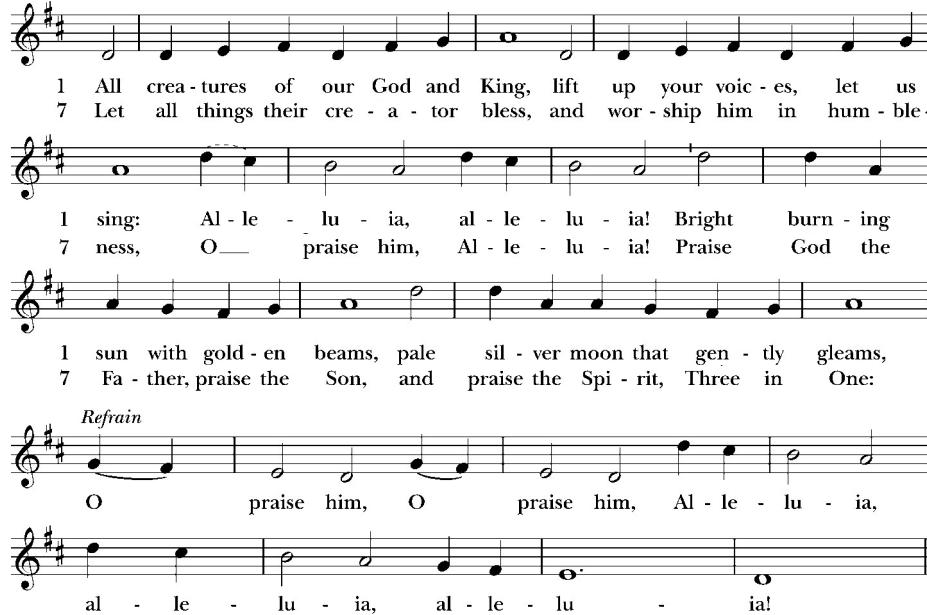
“St. Columba,” *Peter Pindar Stearns*

Dana Anderson, organ

Presentation Hymn (standing, sung by all)

“All creatures of our God and King,” *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Hymn 400; v. 1 & 7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (standing)

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (standing, sung by all)

S 128

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,” *William Mathias*

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

Please remain standing.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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,
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (sung by all)

S 154

“Christ our Passover,” *David Hurd*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are invited to come forward for Communion. Stand or kneel at the altar rail as you are able, and receive the wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, to dip lightly into the chalice for yourself. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Communion Hymn (sung by all)

Hymn 470

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,” *Beecher*

Eight-fold Alleluia (sung by all, please stand at the third verse)

1. Alleluia 2. Jesus is Lord 3. He is Risen 4. Alleluia

Post-Communion Prayer (standing, said by all)

BCP 365

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

The Blessing (standing)

The Dismissal (standing)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Departing Procession (standing, sung by all)

Hymn 210

“The day of resurrection!” *Ellacombe*

Postlude

Dana Anderson, *organ*

“Fanfare and Trumpeting,” *Paxton*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and refreshments following the service.
All are welcome!*

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

YOGA EUCHARIST

Join us for a heart-centered yoga practice combined with Holy Communion. No experience needed – just bring a yoga mat and firm blanket (or borrow one of ours). Yoga Eucharist meets every second Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Enter through Kingham Walkway.

Next session: May 14

TAIZÉ

Experience a peaceful, contemplative service of chant, scripture, and candlelight, led by the Sancte Spiritus Singers and instrumentalists. Held every 3rd Friday, our next service is **May 15** at 7:00 PM with a reception to follow.

FEAST DAYS

Join us in celebrating the Church's Feast Days with simple evening services at 5:30 PM, all using the traditional language of Rite I. These holy days remind us that the story of Christ and his saints continues to shape and inspire our lives.

Ascension Day:

Thursday, May 14, 12:00 noon

St. Barnabas:

Thursday, June 11, 12:00 noon

St. John the Baptist:

Wednesday, June 24, 12:00 noon

St. Peter & St. Paul:

Monday, June 29, 12:00 noon

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING RITE

Join us once a month on the Third Wednesday at 5:30 PM for a Eucharist that includes prayers for healing and anointing with holy oil. This Healing Rite is a time to seek God's grace for yourself or for others, whether for physical illness, emotional struggles, or spiritual renewal.

Upcoming: May 20

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us for Family Game Nights every third Sunday of the month. Come as you are, bring a friend, bring the kids, or come solo, there's always room at the table! We gather in the Parish Hall from 5:00–7:00 PM. All are always welcome. **Next: May 17**

COMEA SHELTER

Help us in providing a warm meal for those in need by serving at the COMEA Shelter. St. Mark's serves meals every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 PM. Your help makes a difference! To volunteer, please contact Eric Nelson at nelsonhams19@gmail.com. **Next: May 21**

BIBLE STUDY AT PARRISH HOME

Please join us Thursdays at 10:00 AM for a bible study led by Jim Janks. Please email the office for address if you are interested in attending.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us after the service every Sunday for Coffee Hour! It's a wonderful time of fellowship, and we feature delicious locally roasted coffee. If you would like to sign up to provide refreshments, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

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Altar Flower Dedications
 Sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the narthex of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed.
 Cost is \$100.

Parking at St. Mark's
 We are grateful to the Galeotos Family for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot, located next to the Kingham Walkway free of charge on Sunday mornings. Please enjoy this convenient parking option as we come together for worship each week.

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