

April 12, 2026

*This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

**Prelude**

*The Church's One Foundation*

No. 404

## **Announcements**

**Introit**

*Whate'er My God Ordains is Right*

**\*Call to Worship**

Luke 24:5-6

And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

No. 219

**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Ex. 20:17

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Most gracious and holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have doubted Your goodness and listened to voices that draw us away from You. We have often cared less for Your Word than for our own comforts, and we have surrendered to selfishness rather than reflecting Your love. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

### **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*Psalm 32 B*

### **Scripture Reading**

Ex. 1:15-22

(Pew pg. 45/LP pg. 56)

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

**pg. 970**

### **Q. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?**

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

### **Prayer of Intercession**

#### **Offering**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

No. 450

#### **\*Doxology**

No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**    *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*    No. 267

## Sermon

Lamentations 1 (Pew pg. 685/LP pg. 860)

1. Context
2. A Grief Observed
3. A Grief Felt

### Questions:

1. Lamentations was written in the aftermath of Jerusalem's destruction by Babylon in 586 BC. The city that was once a center of worship and national identity now lies in ruins. How does understanding this historical backdrop shape the way you read and feel the opening words, "How deserted lies the city" (v. 1)?
2. The poet does not try to explain away the pain or rush to a hopeful ending — he simply describes the grief in raw, honest detail. Have you ever found it difficult to sit with grief without immediately trying to "fix" it or move past it? What makes that so hard to do?
3. In verse 9, Jerusalem cries out, "Look, Lord, on my affliction." Even in deep sorrow, the sufferer turns toward God rather than away from him. When you or someone you love has gone through a season of grief, how has that experience affected your relationship with God?
4. The chapter ends without resolution — the grief is still present on the last verse. Scripture doesn't always tie suffering up neatly. How can the church be a place where people feel free to grieve honestly, without pressure to appear "fine" or move on too quickly?

# The Lord's Supper

(wine in the wine-colored cups and grape juice in the clear cups)

*Sursum Corda*

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Music

*Jesus Paid It All / When I Survey*

\* Hymn of Response

*Whate'er My God Ordains is Right*

Insert

Hymn of the Month

\*Benediction

\*Gloria Patri

No. 572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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Postlude

*Abide With Me*

No. 159

\* Congregation: Please stand as able.

Musician AM

Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson

Andrew Gretzinger

## Songs for Next Week

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*Whate'er My God Ordains is Right*

No. 157

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>SUN 4/12</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship AM Service - LORD's Supper</b> No Worship PM Service <b>Shepherding Groups</b>
<b>TUES 4/14</b>	3 PM	<b>Women's Evening Study</b>
<b>WED 4/15</b>	6 PM	<b>Prodigal Prayer Ministry</b>
<b>THURS 4/16</b>	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	<b>Women's Morning Study</b> <b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>FRI 4/17</b>	6 PM	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>SUN 4/19</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5 PM	<b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship AM Service</b> <b>Worship PM Service</b>

**Serving the Lord**

	4/12/26	4/19/26	4/26/26
Nursery During Sunday School	Kelli Stagl	Andrea Tummond	Karen Carleton
Nursery During AM Service	Nora Jones & Cordie Armstrong	Isaiah Martin & Deanna Curtis	Nick Bako & Calla Bailey
Nursery During PM Service	N/A	Grace Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Jane Erspamer	Lash Family	Judy Rogers
Treats/ Clean	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk
Audio	Grayden Lash	Elijah Tummond	Joel Tummond
Elder	Andrew Gretzinger	Jim Martin	Yon Lindborg
Deacon	Ken Erickson	Nick Jones	Jason Lash
Communion Prep	Yon Lindborg	N/A	N/A

## Announcements

**\*Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the church building. The purpose of this meeting is to receive, review, and discuss committee reports, to (re)elect church officers, to discuss the general health and future of our church, and to promote the ministries of the church carried out through committees.

**\*Spring Cleaning Day:** Mark your calendars the deacons have picked Saturday, May 2nd for annual church work day. More details will be announced as we get closer to the date.

**\* Church Outing:** Save the date. We are planning our next church outing for Thursday, May 21, when we will have lunch and visit the LaPorte County History Museum in LaPorte, Indiana. Transportation will be provided.

**\*Email Updates:** If you want to get all the information about church events and bulletins in your email inbox, reach out to [info@goodshepherdpcanet.net](mailto:info@goodshepherdpcanet.net).