Worship Leaders

MAY 3 - REV. JOAN H. MIER
MAY 10 - CRAIG BIELKE
MAY 17 - CRAIG BIELKE
MAY 24- REV. JOAN H. MIER
MAY 31- CRAIG BIELKE

Weekly Offerings		4/18/2026
Operating	$	3,773.00
Building Fund	$	5.00
	$	3,778.00
Giving YTD	***$***	***123,295.76***
Weekly Budget	$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	$	104,610.00
Total Budget	$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

April 12, 2026	78	+ Online Participants
April 13, 2025	90	+ Online Participants

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For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritters, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Mike Llamas, brother in law
of Mimi Llamas
Al Stahl
Audrey Krummrich
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Ruth Klingel
Cathy Blaies and family
(Mike's sister)

Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

St. Paul Friends announces the annual observance of,
Kentucky Derby Day: The Run for The Roses
Saturday, May 2
Start Time 3:00 P.M.

At the home of Lyn and Kris Mueller
429 Weatherstone Dr.
Belleville 62221

Bring a favorite beverage, an appetizer to share and $10.00 for "The Good of the Cause."

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Welcome

Sunday, April 26, 2026 ~ 9am
4th Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Supply Pastor . . . . . Rev. Joan H. Mler
Director of Music . . . . . Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist . . . . . Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist . . . . . Brett White

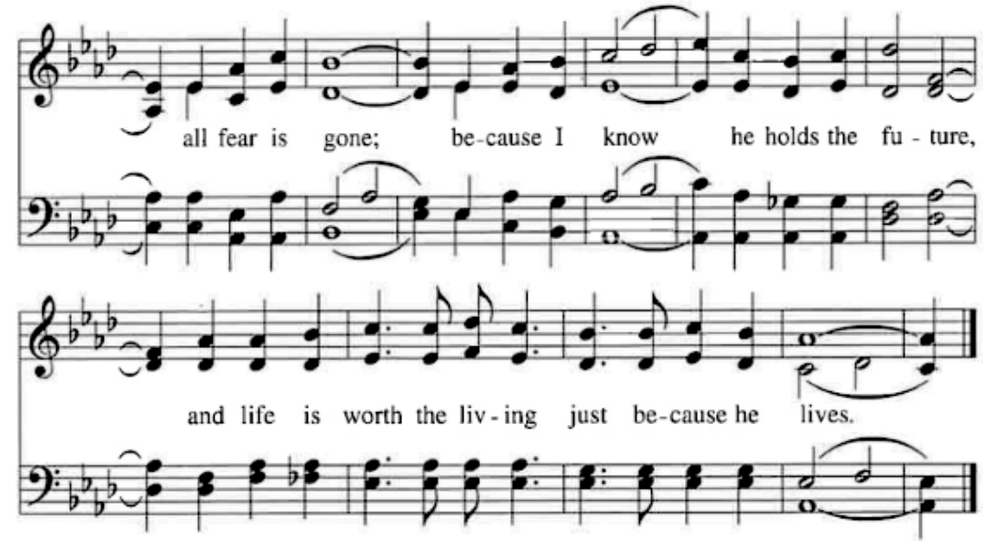
WELCOME

PRELUDE ***All the Way/He Leadeth Me***
arr. Michael Wilson

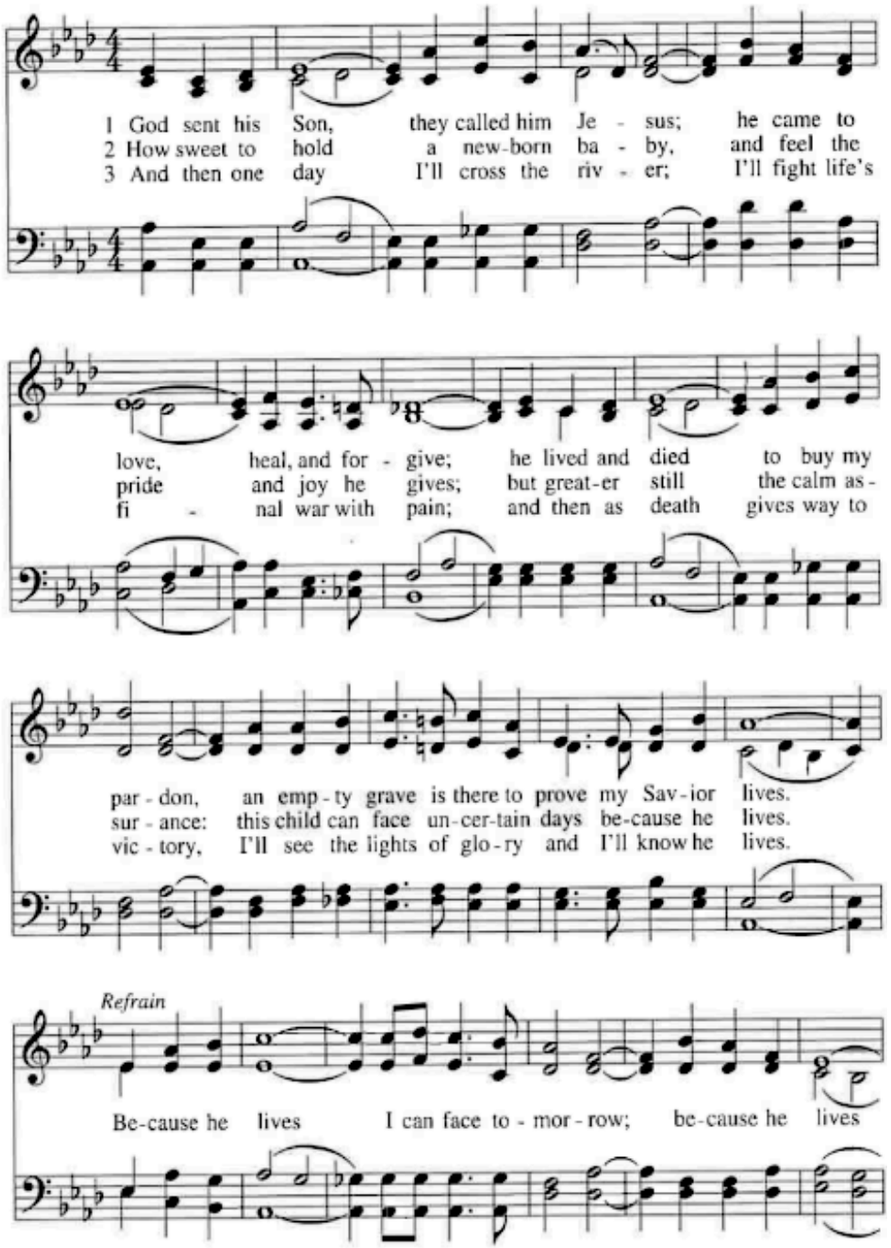
***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Gather sons and daughters of almighty God, bring your tears and your woundedness, for the Healing Shepherd is present in this place.
People: We do not just bring our tears and woundedness, but our whole selves into this sacred space, yearning for the touch of the One who brings complete peace and healing. Leader: The Lord is pleased that you seek precious time with him and that you are open to his divine healing touch for your mind, body, and spirit.
People: In this time, we offer ourselves completely to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Healing Shepherd of all of God's people.
ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, let your Spirit of healing move among us now! Amen.

***INVOCATION**
We lift our voices to praise the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ; we yearn to feel the presence of your divine Spirit among us. We acknowledge that through your wounds, we have been healed and that You are the guardian of our souls. Let our worship and praise justly glorify you, this day and every day! Let it be so. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE



447 Because He Lives



WORDS: Gloria Gaither (1942-) and William J. Gaither (1936-)
MUSIC: William J. Gaither (1936-)

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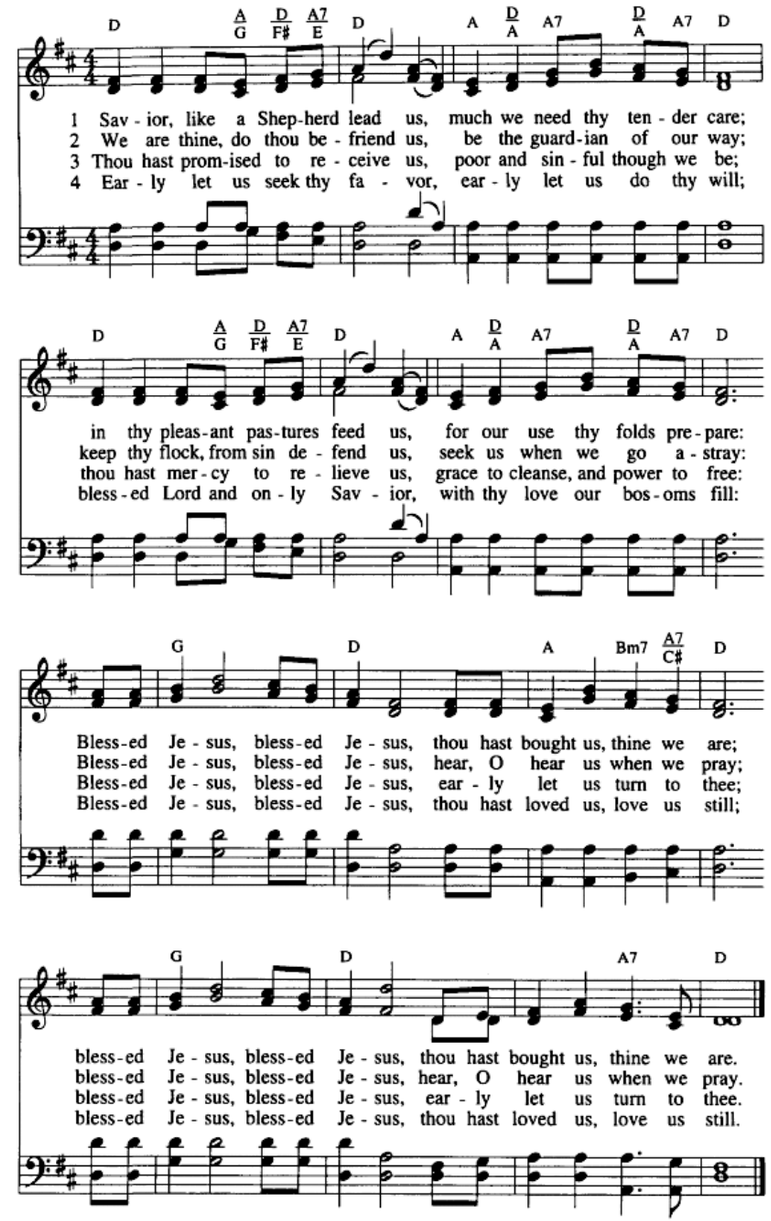
OPENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440



WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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INSTALLATION OF PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION
Pastor: Just as a good Shepherd, waits for his sheep to listen to his voice, Jesus waits for our communication with him, and then for us to listen to his voice. When we go astray, it is his voice that will guide us in the right direction. Let us open ourselves up, now, to this time of sacred speaking and listening. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE
When we are truthful with the Lord, speaking to him about how our spirits have gone astray; he listens, he speaks, he guides, he forgives, and he heals. How blessed we are, beloved, to have such gifts of amazing grace offered to us; gifts that come from a Healing Shepherd. **Amen**

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
arr. Donald Moore
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23	Brett White
Peter 2:19-25	Brett White
John 10:1-10	Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON "The Healing Shepherd" Rev. Joan H. Mier

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

REFLECTION ON GIVING
Let us offer all that we can to the ministry of the One who is like a Healing Shepherd for God's people, Jesus our Savior. Let us, also, pray that our gifts offer healing to others who have gone astray and need to feel the unconditional care and healing of Jesus. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
The Shepherd of My Soul
by Sally DeFord
Tristan Frampton, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: Old Hundreth)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)
We dedicate these gifts to the healing ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ; he gave of himself so completely, that others might be healed through his wounds. Let this offering truly be blessed by God and used rightly so that the Lord is honored in all that we do in his holy name. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** *Because He Lives* (see next 2 pages)

***COMMISSIONING**
Because Christ lives, we can look to the future and smile. Because Christ lives, we can look even death in the face and not fear. Because Christ lives, we know that his wounds have healed us. Go forth then, beloved, and continue to celebrate the Savior who overcame death on the cross to show us all something even greater—eternal life with our God. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**
Now, may The Healing Shepherd go with you to watch over you, keeping you safe, strong, and well. Feel his divine care present with you, every day, until I see you again. **Amen**

POSTLUDE *Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt*
(The Lord is my faithful Shepherd)
by Johann Pachelbel

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