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Jesus The Good Shepherd

April 26, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #370 - O God, Our Help In Ages Past

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship: (from Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: **He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

People: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

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

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, thank you for waking us up today. Thank you for your unconditional love. Thank you for saving us through your son Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit upon us so that we might say 'it has been good to be in the house of the Lord.' Guide us as your Church in this place. Be with all those who need your healing touch this day. And help us, dear Lord, to live and love more like you. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #118 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Prayers of the People

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 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, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger		

Scripture Text: John 10: 1 – 10 (NRSV)

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10 “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.

Scripture Readings - John 10: 1 – 10 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*Jesus The Good Shepherd*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #30 - Break Thou The Bread Of Life

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION
The bread and the cup are distributed together.
Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Hymn of Invitation - #95 - At The Cross

*Benediction

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, April 29th
6:00 p.m. - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, May 3rd
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 4-20-26	7882.32
Expenses/Payrollx3/Fed Taxes	3570.27
Weekly Offering	934.00
Difference	-2636.27
Ending Balance	5246.05

Announcements

Week of April 19th - Attendance: 29; **Live Stream Views:** - YouTube Live: 17; Approx. Views: 26 - 55
Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be provided by Mindy Pettet. Thank you Mindy!
Beef & Noodle: We are looking for a volunteer to be Chairman of the Beef & Noodle dinner. If you interested or have any questions please contact Rick Williams at 219-869-4969. Thank you!
Memories in Bloom With Mom: at Autumn Trace will be Sunday, May 3rd ,

2pm - 4pm at 1384 St Gaspar Drive, Rensselaer, In 47978 for a beautiful Mother's Day celebration filled with flowers, sweet treats, laughter, and special moments with the mothers and grandmothers we love. Come enjoy: build-a-bouquet flower bar, grandma’s candy shop, a light luncheon with homemade desserts, photo booth, simple crafts & activities, and time together making memories that will last forever. Kindly R.S.V.P. to Shari at 219-613-7546 or 219-964-2111 by Monday, April 27th, so we can prepare a wonderful celebration for everyone attending. If you are interested, there are fliers in the narthex.

April Birthdays

- 1 - Helen Putman
- 5 - Phil Lewis
- 6 - Claude Grow
- 7 - Kathy Williams
- 10 - Patrick Williams, Jenny Craig
- 12 - Chase Eldridge
- 13 - Randy Grow, Ellis Gastineau
- 14 - Crystal Cover, Chad Maxwell
- 15 - Nathan Bailey
- 16 - Lisa Jackson
- 19 - Bethel Ford
- 21- Marcia Smith-Wood
- 24 - Verna McNeal
- 29 - Eileen Phegley, Kate DeWees

April Anniversaries

- 14 - Claude & Kim Grow - 1984
- 16 - Richard & Cathy Eldridge - 1983

May Birthdays

- 2 - Beverly Dunlap
- 4 - Shirley Maxwell
- 5 - Phyllis Smith, Wendy Shirer
- 8 - Rose Nesius, Craig Hooker, Corey Dowds
- 9 - Justin Clemans
- 11 - Bona Hensler, Eric Yeoman
- 14 - Susie Smith
- 15 - Dorrie Lefler
- 22 - Lindsey Baker
- 23 - Stephen Henley
- 26 - Tonya Barker
- 28 - Eric Jackson
- 30 - Clay Whaley
- 31 - Travis Witherington

May Anniversaries

- 3 - Gary & Julie Evers - 1980
- 16 - Craig & Lisa Jackson - 1992
- 18 - Ellis & Marsha Gastineau - 1968

