

Welcome to Lake Avenue Baptist Church

April 26, 2026



23 Psalm by Robin Weiss

Centering Words

- “Psalm 23 insists that we can trust in deliverance in the midst of evil; the deliverance is true, it’s real. Whatever preys upon us, individually and as communities, we are not defeated, because God is with us. Imagine if we lived as if we really knew this truth, as if we really feared no evil, because our trust is in God. Imagine where no longer being driven by fear might take us. Imagine if we, the vulnerable flock of the divine, knew ourselves forever to be pursued by the goodness and mercy of God.”

- Elizabeth Webb

Good Mornings

Ma gwa na ni (Shona), **Ming galaba** (Burmese), **Mwah be you ay** (Bembe), **Mbote** (Lingala), **Jam bo** (Swahili), **Na Dam Ma** (Chin), **Gaw Ler Gay** (Karen), **Buenos Dias** (Spanish), **Bonjour** (French), **Zǎoshang hǎo** (Chinese), **Kaja Na Ai Ee** (Jinghpaw Kachin), **Te Rya Beh Tee** (Karenni), **Mauri** (Kiribati), **Oo-ya Morgen** (Flemish)

Announcements

- Adult Education following service: Discussion of *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer
- Spring Fling Zing Thing Women's Fellowship Event Saturday, May 2, 1-3pm
- Mission Committee collection laundry supplies
- Newsletter announcements and articles due April 27

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

All: Worship the Holy One with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the Holy One is God.

All: It is God that made us, and we are Theirs; we are Their people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Call to Worship

One: Enter God's gates with Thanksgiving and Their courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

One: For God is good.

All: Their steadfast love endures forever, and Their faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Hymn - The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;

The passover of gladness,

The passover of God.

Opening Hymn - The Day of Resurrection

From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
With hymns of victory.

Opening Hymn - The Day of Resurrection

Our hearts be pure from evil,

That we may see aright

The Lord in rays eternal,

Of resurrection light;

Opening Hymn - The Day of Resurrection

And listening to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All Hail!” and hearing
May raise the victor strain.

Opening Hymn - The Day of Resurrection

Now let the heavens be joyful!

Let earth the song begin!

Let the round world keep triumph,

And all that is there-in!

Opening Hymn - The Day of Resurrection

Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes in gladness blend
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Children's Message



Section of “Life of Christ” Thangka, Himalayan

Song of Blessing for Children

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the
love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go. X2**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- Invitation to Offering
- Ministry of Music
- Doxology
 - **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**
- Blessing

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- 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.**

Ancient Word: Psalm 23 (KJV) In Unison

1 The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Ancient Word: Psalm 23 (KJV) In Unison

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth 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 for ever.

Hymn - My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

My shepherd will supply my need;

Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed,

Beside the living stream.

Hymn - My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

Hymn - My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

When I walk through the shades of death

Your presence is my stay;

One word of your supporting breath

Drives all my fears away.

Hymn - My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Your oil anoints my head.

Hymn - My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

The sure provisions of my God

Attend me all my days;

O may your house be my abode,

And all my work be praise.

Hymn - My Shepherd Will Supply my Need

There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest,
But like a child at home.

Reflection on the Word - “The Sheep of God’s Pasture”



“The Good Shepherd” by Amy Foster

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

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Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

We are thine, thou dost befriend us,

Be the guardian of our way;

Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,

Seek us when we go astray.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Thou hast promised to receive us,

Poor and sinful though we be;

Thou has mercy to relieve us,

Grace to cleanse and power to free.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

We will early turn to thee.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

We will early turn to thee.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Early let us seek thy favor,

Early let us do thy will;

Blessed Lord and only Savior,

With thy love our bosoms fill.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Sung Blessing - Weave (Sing Twice)

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together in unity and love.

Weave, weave, weave us together.

Weave us together, together in love.

Thank You
for Joining
Us!



“Sheep” by Herman
Johannes van der Weele