

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12th, 2026

Service Music: ELW, Setting 3 (ELW, page 138)
Year A, Easter 2 (ELW, page 32)



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings

will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly rises at the invitation of the presiding minister.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – 8:55 a.m.

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly rises at the invitation of the presiding minister.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, we give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You give us springs of living water.

P: Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you. **C: You give us springs of living water.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You give us springs of living water.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Christ is in our midst!

C: He is and ever shall be.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 368 *With High Delight Let Us Unite*



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 16 (*read responsively*)

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹ **You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is**

fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **St. John 20:19-31**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with

you.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 390 *The Risen Christ*



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Bring peace to war zones and places of conflict, especially **Ukraine, Venezuela, Iran and the surrounding area.** We pray for the safety of first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony, Chris, Eli, Nathan, and Tyler.**

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially **Amanda, Amelia, Annette & Rick, Becky, Bev, Brenda, Donna, Drew, Ed, Emmett, Frieda, Hattie, Jean, Jeryl, Jim, John, Karen & Ed, LaVonne, Lylah, Lynn, Mark, Maxine, Michelle, Phil, Sandy, Stan, Stella, Steve, and Wally.**

Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. A: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints, especially **Lynn Chamberlain**, who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING *your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.*

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: ELW 186 Create in Me

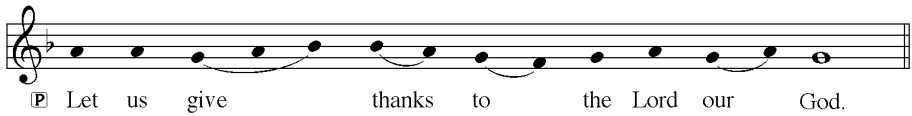


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

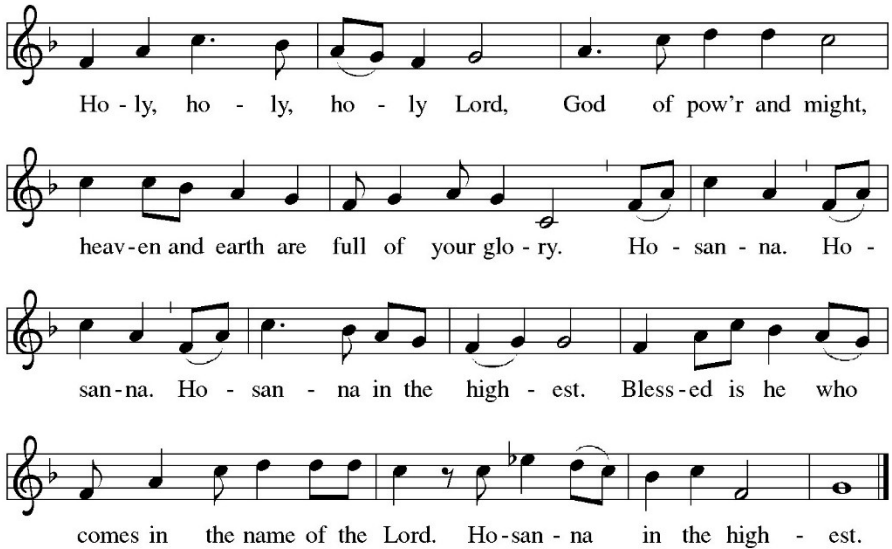
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from
 death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Grace our table with your presence. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

All are welcome here. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: May We Be One

Congregational Refrain:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus. So as we
 share this feast may we be - come, heal - ing and
 light and peace. May we be one. one.

To verses | *Last time*

After the cantor sings the first line the congregation responds:

A - men, a - men.

After the cantor sings the second line the congregation responds:

A - men, a - men.

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv-ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no-bler song, cher-u-bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 Let your cho-rus swell the strain which our fee-bler voic-es raise:

bright fore-run-ner to the skies of his peo-ple, yet to rise.
 lives for-ev-er to be-stow bless-ings on his church be-low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic-tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic-tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o-bey.
 Glo-ry to our God a-bove and on earth his peace and love!

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last week:

Sunday 8:00 a.m. 81 YouTube: 5

Sunday 10:00 a.m. 57 Total: 143

Year to Date Financial Summary:

Contributions: \$64,524.45 Spending: \$50,356.55 Balance: \$14,167.90

Birthdays this week:

4/18 Ann Larson 4/18 Edith Southwell

Anniversaries this week:

4/12 Steven & Sue Miller

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town!

Youtube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzinqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqL5Q

Worship Assistants

April 12

Presider

Assisting Minister

Reader

Acolyte

Music Minister

Ushers

Altar Guild

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Judie Brooks

Ellen Hogbin

Dex Hewlett

Steve Abel

Fritz Voss & Judy Larson

Marilyn Pieart & Diana Worley

April 19

Presider

Assisting Minister

Reader

Acolyte

Music Minister

Ushers

Altar Guild

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Shirley Richlen

Amanda Southwell

Edi Southwell

Steve Abel

Jerry Nichols Yvonne Nichols

Mary Meumann & Pat Larson

Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, **Lynn** Chamberlain, **Bev** Chappen, **Maxine** Duhm, **Sandy** Henry, **Frieda** Houldsworth, **Jeryl** Krumbholz, **Jim** Krumbholz, **Doug** Larson, **LaVonne** Mienke

Family and Friends

Amanda (friend of Melissa), **Amelia** (friend of Deb Crooks), **Annette & Rick** (Steve & Sue Miller & Pat Sorenson's sister & brother-in-law), **Becky** (sister of Ellen Hogbin), **Brenda** (Friend of Janene Anderson), **Donna** (Ed Arp's sister), **Drew** (Pat Larson's friend), **Emmett** (friend of Diana Worley), **Hattie** (Frieda's sister), **Karen and Ed** (Shirley's Aunt and Uncle), **Lylah** (friend of Noa), **Mark** (friend of Jason Forari), **Michelle** (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), **Phil** (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), **Stan** (relative of Fritz Voss), **Stella** (friend of Ellen Hogbin), **Steve** (friend of Pat Larson), **Wally** (Frieda's nephew)

Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
 LT. **Chris** Tribble USN (Erik & Joleen Bakken's friend).
 CPT **Eli** Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Tyler McLaughlin, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

In Memoriam

Lynn Chamberlain

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

April / May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9AM Worship		8AM Worship & Music Mtg. 4PM Property Mtg. 6PM Christian Ed. Mtg.	6-7PM Confirmation 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM GANG 2PM BINGO at Bett Health Care		5PM Worship
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9AM Worship 10AM Council Mtg.		1PM Sarah Circle	5:30PM Meal at Zion Lutheran 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry	6PM Lock- In Drop off	8AM Lock- In Pick Up 5PM Worship
26	27	28	29	30	5/1	5/2
9AM Worship			6-7PM Confirmation 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry		5PM Worship
5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9
9AM Worship	4PM Social Min. Mtg.		1PM Finance Mtg. 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry		5PM Worship