

Easter 2– April 12, 2026

Prelude

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Children’s Sermon

Opening Hymn O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing ELW 387 vs. 1-3

Apostolic Greeting

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

This is the Feast ELW Pg. 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day L The Lord be with you C And also with you

L 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. **C Amen**

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.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 16 spoken responsively

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

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. Holy Wisdom Holy Word. C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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**C Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Gospel according to John in the 20th Chapter

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.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of the Church

L: 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 brief silence.

AM: 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,

People: receive our prayer.

AM: 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, **People: receive our prayer.**

AM: 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. Merciful God,

People: receive our prayer.

AM: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (especially). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

People: receive our prayer.

AM: 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,

People: receive our prayer.

AM: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints 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,

People: receive our prayer.

L: 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. **People: Amen**

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

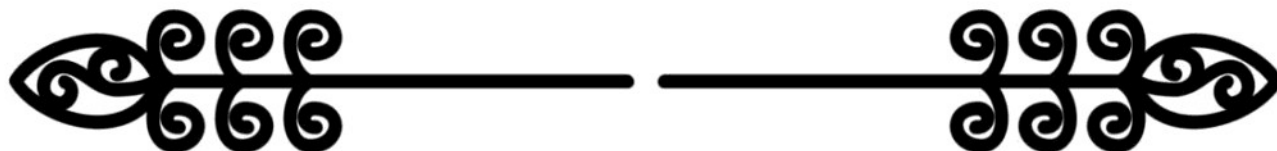
Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace. The Offering is received and the table is prepared.



**Anthem: We Sing to the Lord Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price
Music: Don Besig**

Come, Christians join to sing Hallelujah to our King! When we sing to the Lord, when we sing to the Lord, when we join in celebration and give praise to the Lord; there is joy all around us and a smile on every face when we sing with the glory of the Lord, to the Lord. When we hear those gospel tunes we learned so long ago, those tunes that tell us of his love, the music lights a spark within us and the song begins to grow ringing through the heavens high above. When we sing to the Lord, when we sing to the Lord, when we join in celebration and give praise to the Lord; there is joy all around us and a smile on every face when we sing with the glory of the Lord. Yes we will sing, sing, sing! Praise our Savior, Lord and king. Celebrate his glory, tell the world his story, sing, sing, sing! Let your hallelujahs ring as we sing with glory to the Lord. Every time we sing about the Lord's amazing grace, we proclaim the power of his word. And we will share the love that binds us in our fellowship and faith when we take his light into the world. When we sing to the Lord, when we sing to the Lord, when we join in celebration and give praise to the Lord; there is joy all around us and a smile on every face when we sing with glory to the Lord. Yes we will sing, sing, sing! Praise our Savior, Lord and king. Celebrate his glory, tell the world his story. Sing, sing sing! Let your hallelujahs ring as we sing with glory to the lord. We will sing to the Lord!

The Offertory is sung

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

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, **People: Amen.**

Today will be a lay-led communion service using wine and wafers pre-consecrated last Sunday by the pastor.

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L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

Last week when we were gathered to receive this sacrament the pastor consecrated these elements of bread and wine. Together we were reminded of the events of the Last Supper and the promise Jesus made to us there. We recalled the way that he took bread and wine and invited us to eat and drink. He assured us that in these elements, we would be receiving his own body and blood. Our Lord told us that this meal is a pledge of a new covenant between God and humanity. Trusting in Jesus' holy words, we are set free from our sin and all that stands between us and the promise of new life in Christ. Today we will again accept what has been given to us- these gifts of bread and wine- and the promise of mercy that come to us in and through them. We will also speak together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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; 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

The Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.**

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

Communion is distributed.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

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,

People: Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The Risen Christ

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Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Joe Abbott	Paul Smith
Connie Aparo	Sigrid Smitley
Charlie Blakeslee	Lori Sola
Kathy Ann Campbell	Deb & Jon Sterling
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Tom Sterling Sr.
Carol Cianciolo	RuthAnn Stone
Emma Cortina	Patricia Switzer
Emily Decker	Diane Tanner
J.J. Eby	Gloria Thibault
Judy Elliott	Nancy Underwood
Diane Engle	Lucille Videtto
Jan Eucalitto	Carol Vrlík
Weston Faith	Justin Wade & Family
Bruce & Liz Falls	Eveyn Walters
Rosemarie Foth	Sue Watkins
Bob Frantz	James Weber
Danise Hall	Kim Weissman
Renate Higgins	Bruce Yauney
Kathleen Hilton	Clarence & Priscilla
Shannon Hilton	Ed
Shaelynn Holmgren	Jen O.
Rusty Judd	Jaiden
Brian Kiernan	Steve
Marge Kiernan	Lou W.
Marilyn Killingbeck	Todd
Edwin Leifert	Robert K.
John Lewis	Terry
David Little	Hagbard
Rebecca Little	Peanut
Kari Machowski	Diane L.
Audrey Marquard	Holly L.
Abigail Marine	Al & Mary
Eric Marine	Isaac
Richard Marine	Marci
Janis Martin	Kyle W.
Gil & Marilyn Martin	Ethan & his Marine Unit
Michael Meyers	Jonathan E & his Army
Brigitte Mueller	Unit
Bob Murphy	
Barbara Nalette	
Karen Ness	
Tom O'Brien	
Karen Pagano	
Melissa Pilbin	
Lisa & Dennis Polzun	
Ed & Susan Regner	
Baerbel Roehl	
Patricia & Richard	
Sawitzke	
Jean Schlapfer	
Sara Seelye	
Jan & Cindy Smith	

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray
Daine Wright
Eleanor Klonoski

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council Meeting	4/13	7 pm
Worship & Music Meeting	4/16	6 pm
I/T	4/16	7 pm
Hilltop CELC Art Show!	4/24	5:30 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$4,283
Shortfall	(\$2,007)
YTD shortfall	(\$32,749)

Minimalist bulletin

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Staff

**Thank you to Pamela Little and Paula Rosenbeck
for filling in today!**

**The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady
Music Director Marcia Newcome**

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The Fellowship Committee presents



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Fellowship – 5:15pm

Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$16.00 – Adults \$10.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays before & after service
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555