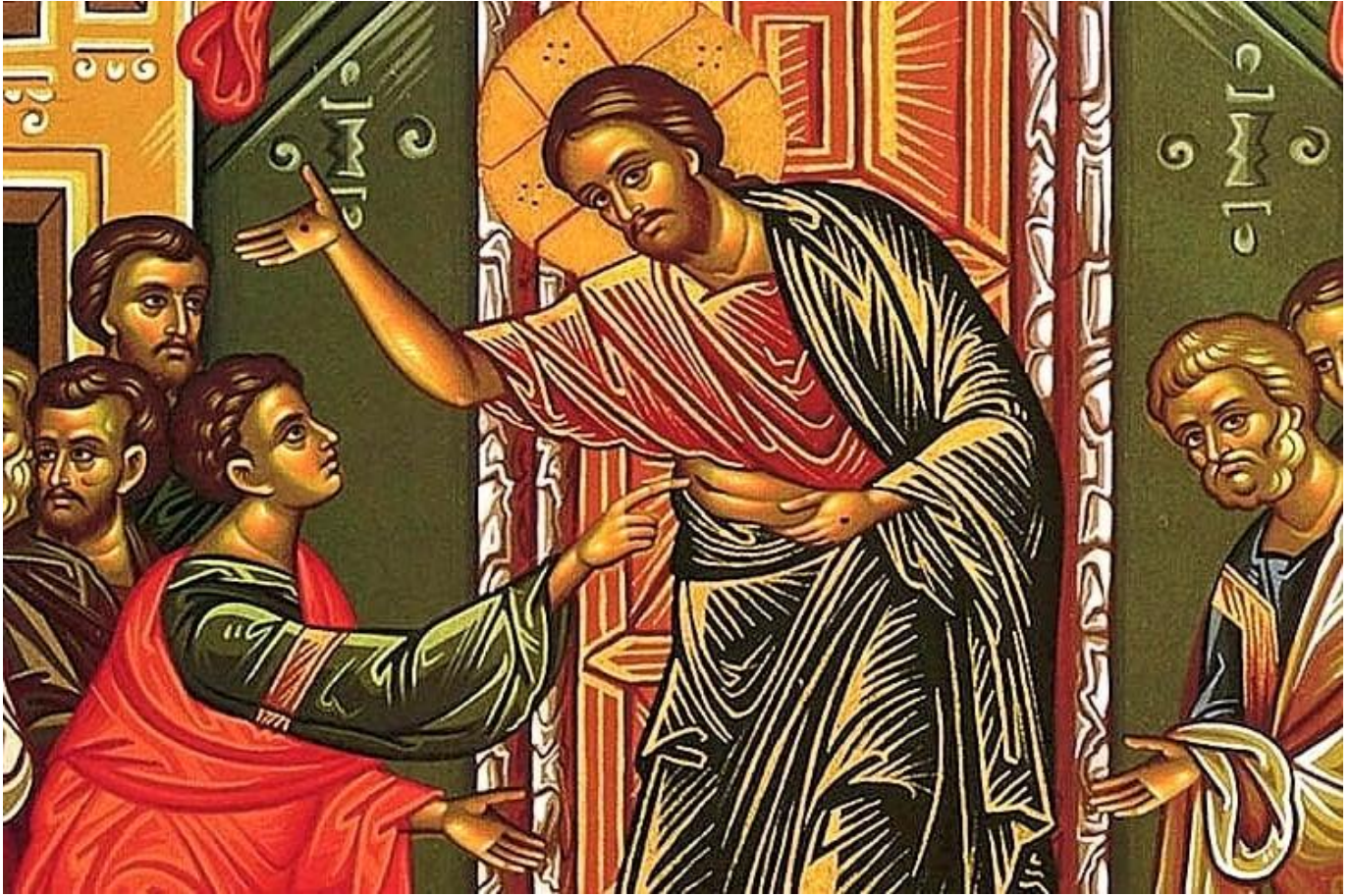


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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

2 EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026 ✉ 9:30 AM

**PREACHING TODAY:
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**WELCOME TO ALL
who join us today for worship!**

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
- **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available. Please ask an Usher for assistance.
- **Everyone's encouraged** to record your name on the attendance sheets found in the attendance folders at the end of each pew. Any special requests (prayers, visits, inclusion in mailings, etc.) may be written on these sheets.
- **We will be passing offering plates during the service.** Wooden offering boxes for are also available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
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- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

**Got a question about CELC? Feel free to contact the church office at
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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Easter Chant

Gordon Young; Based on "O Filii et Filiae"

Thine Is The Glory - Lani Smith & Robert Hughes;

Based on a tune from "Judas Maccabaeus" by G. F. Handel

Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Joanne Vasey, organ

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ,
you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. 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 guide us to springs of the water of life.

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 guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.


*** GATHERING HYMN**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright - ELW # 384

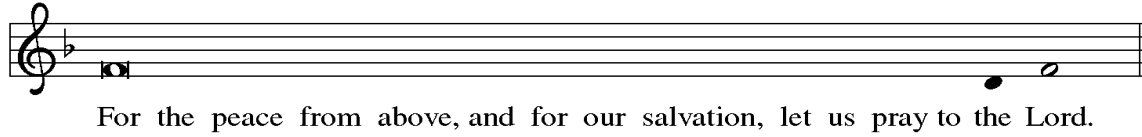
*** GREETING**

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

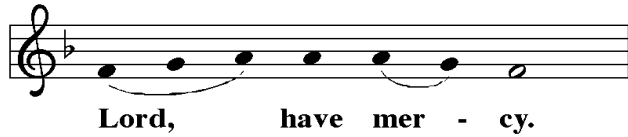
C And also with you.



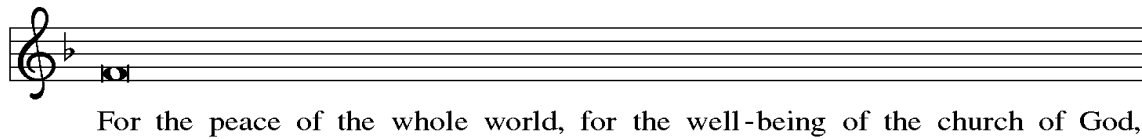
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



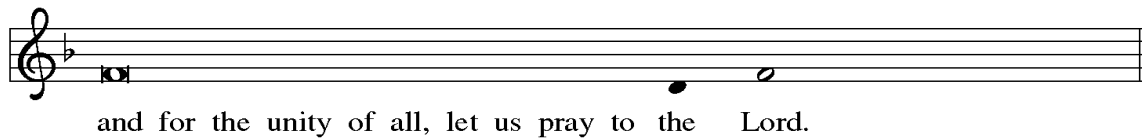
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



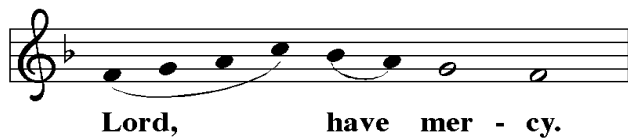
Lord, have mer - cy.



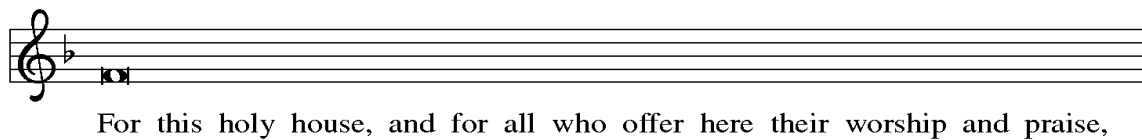
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



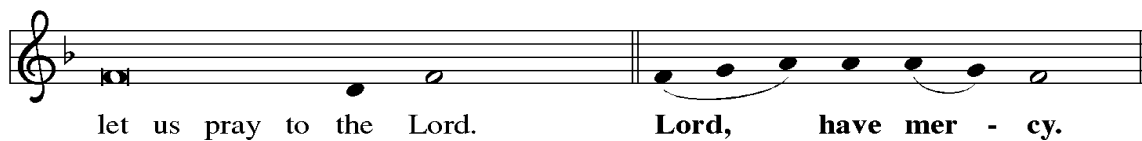
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW pp. 140-141

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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 ²³this 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. ²⁴But 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
for 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.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p. 142

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.

*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter:

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 our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

We Walk By Faith - ELW # 635

*** THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C **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 into 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 PEOPLE**

Leader: Merciful God.

Congregational Response: receive our prayer.

P 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.**

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

*Easter Chimes - Dorothy Wells
Joanne Vasey, organ*

You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through Vanco by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering in the wooden offering located in the back of the sanctuary.



* DOXOLOGY

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – ELW #367
Stanza 4*

**Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blessed, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

* OFFERTORY 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.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

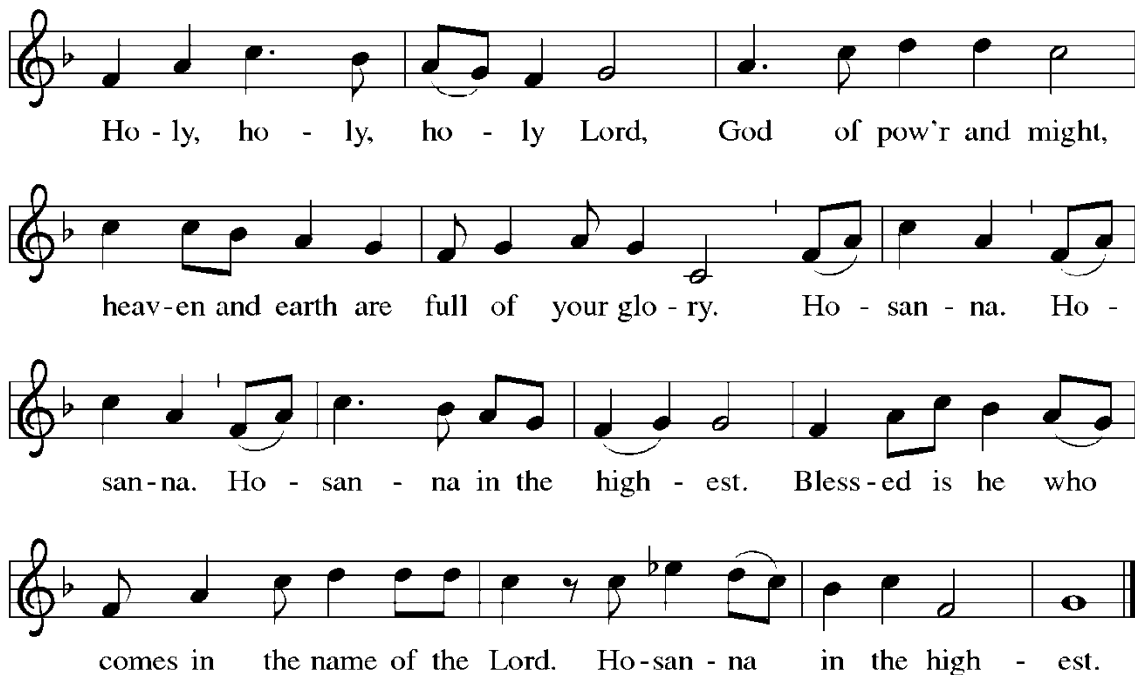
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS

ELW p. 144



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 Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,
granting them life and calling them to flourish,
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
the colors of your love and faithfulness.
Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.
Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,
grafting us into your living vine,
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

P 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.

P 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.

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

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

P With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,
in your Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

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.**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

ELW P. 146

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 ANTHEM

When Thomas Heard from Jesus

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette and scripture references

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley TUNE: AURELIA
(Tune is very familiar - "The Church's One Foundation")

Pop-Up Choir

(All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward and grab a binder. The tune is very familiar. Singers not comfortable singing an alto, tenor or bass part may stay on the familiar melody.)

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises - ELW # 379

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.

C **Amen.**

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

* BENEDICTION

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

Thine Is The Glory - ELW # 376

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Tune - James Denton
Joanne Vasey, organ

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THANKS to the Pop-Up Choir for providing today's communion anthem.

April 12–19, 2026

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| Sunday, April 12 2 EASTER Pastor Katy preaching | 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Spcl. Congregational Meeting re: Piano 10:45am Sunday School 1:00pm –4:00pm SVSWG - LCH/Room 202 2:00pm –4:00pm UYG Picnic @ Faith Lutheran |
| Monday, April 13 | 9:15am Counters 6:30pm Parish Peal Handbell Choir 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR 7:15pm Parish Choir |
| Tuesday, April 14 | |
| Wednesday, April 15 | 9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 6:00pm Theology on Tap - Rusty Rail |
| Thursday, April 16 | 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Parlor |
| Friday, April 17 | 9:30am –11:30am Transitions Yoga - LCH |
| Saturday, April 18 | 9:30am –12:00pm UYG Help @ Beacon Free Shop - Beaver UM 12:00pm Nelson Yost's Celebration of Life Luncheon - LCH |
| Sunday, April 19 3 Easter Pastor Justin preaching | 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab - UIC |

ATTENDANCE: April 5, 2026: 9:30am: 206