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Next Sunday

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Jerrie & Stacie

Third Sunday of Easter	April 19, 2026
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the wonderful mission work of the Lutheran Women Missionary League.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN *“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” LSB #352*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 113:1–4; 56:12–13*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

People: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

People: **The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!**

Pastor: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

People: **For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.
People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is
People: **when brothers dwell in unity!**
Pastor: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
People: **running down on the collar of his robes!**
Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
People: **For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**
Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is
People: **when brothers dwell in unity!**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Together, let us pray.
People: **O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: One of the images from nature that is used by hymn writers in describing the risen Christ is that of the bright rays of the sun. The noted Danish hymnist Thomas Kingo portrayed Jesus as being "Like the golden sun ascending." And he continues: "Thus my Jesus from the grave . . . rose triumphant Easter morning" (*TLH* 207:1). German hymn writer Johann Moller, a contemporary of Kingo, personalized the image in this way: "I am content! My Jesus is my light, my radiant sun of grace.

His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all, sweet comfort, hope, and peace" (*LSB* 468:3). There is for us a sense of reassuring comfort and lasting gladness as we celebrate both Jesus' resurrection and ours in these blessed days.

HYMN *"I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives" LSB #468*

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 116:1–14*

People: **I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Women: *Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.*

Men: *The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”*

People: **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

Women: The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

People: **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

Men: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

People: **I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

Women: I believed, even when I spoke, “I am greatly afflicted”;

Men: I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

People: **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:17–25*

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

People: **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:13–35*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY *"With High Delight Let Us Unite" LSB #483*

SERMON

MEDITATION

RITE OF INSTALLATION FOR LWML LA-MS DISTRICT OFFICERS

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB #784

**Offering boxes are on each side of the doors exiting the sanctuary*

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for in Christ You have given us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in the gladsome light of Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SANCTUS *"Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB #507, verse 1*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation has manifested Your grace and glory. We thank You for the blessed Meal now set before us. Give us lips to speak of Your glory and to tell of the power of our Lord's resurrection. Joined in the name of our Lord and bound together in the communion of saints, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and strengthen us in fervent love toward You and at peace with one another. This we ask for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*
1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *“When All the World Was Cursed” LSB #346 verse 3*

**Behold the Lamb of God that bears the world’s transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes the devil’s dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy will* full atonement win.**

**Future tense because proclaimed by John the Baptist prior to the cross.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” LSB #625

“That’s Why We Praise Him” Tommy Walker

**He came to live, live a perfect life,
He came to be the living word, our light.
He came to die so we’d be reconciled,
He came to rise to show His pow’r and might.**

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

He came to live, live again in us,
He came to be our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love,
He came to go prepare a place for us.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing.
That's why we offer Him our everything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
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That's why we praise Him,
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That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His everything,
'Cause He gave His everything.

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"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB #488

Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB #937*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for once again we have been served at Your Table through our receiving of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord in this joyful Eastertide. Strengthen us through this Sacrament so that we continue to be Your rejoicing people who tell of Your love to all as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *"He's Risen, He's Risen" LSB #480*

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This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee & youth Biscuits/LWML Brunch
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	New Member Class
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	New Member Class

For the week April 19 - 25, 2026

Birthday
04/22 Cameron Shroyer
Sirpa Lawson
04/23 Mitch Tabor

Baptismal Anniversaries
04/25 Cindy Bush
Haize Shroyer

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Dennis Armstrong and Frank Alessio.

BATTLING CANCER: Charlene Shroyer and Marilyn Beach.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Cunningham and Hudson Spolarich.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, John Partain, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Rev. John Ramsey, Richard LaCourand Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Donna Elke and Henry Stegall.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and Roman Myles and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Abbie Schmitt, Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim - Cole.



Grace's Mission

*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service,
Love, Teaching and Fellowship*

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure *all* doors are locked *and* closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.