

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 am and Livestream



**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.



✦ GATHERING ✦

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*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** **He 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 is poured into the baptismal font*

**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.**

**Entrance Hymn**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

No. 391



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - this row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

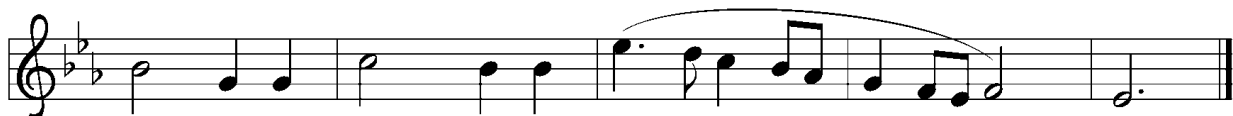
*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

- 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.**

**Hymn of Praise**

*This is the Feast*

*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.  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



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.



4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God,*  
**C** **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.**

*Please be seated.*

✦ **THE WORD** ✦

**First Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**A** *A reading from Acts. <sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “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 <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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;*

*<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.*

*<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.*

*<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’*

*<sup>29</sup> “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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

*‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’*

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 16

*Read responsively*

**A** <sup>1</sup> *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.”*

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

**A** <sup>3</sup> *But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied*

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

**A** <sup>5</sup> *O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.*

**C** <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

**A** <sup>7</sup> *I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.*

**C** <sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

**A** <sup>9</sup> *My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.*

**C** <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

**A** <sup>11</sup> *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

**A** *A reading from First Peter. <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



## Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to John, the Twentieth chapter.*

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** <sup>19</sup> *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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

<sup>24</sup> *But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."*

<sup>26</sup> *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." <sup>27</sup> 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.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> 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.”*

*<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Children’s Message**

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Teal Anderson

*Please stand as you are able.*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is**

**seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**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 brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

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

*The prayers conclude:*

**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.**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated.*

## **Offering & Anthem**

*My Hands*

Wes & Diane Hannibal and Douglas Nolan  
Choir

*As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.*

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm

*Refrain / Estribillo*

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.

**A** *Let us pray. Merciful God,*  
**C** **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, Amen.**

## ✦ THE EUCHARIST ✦

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

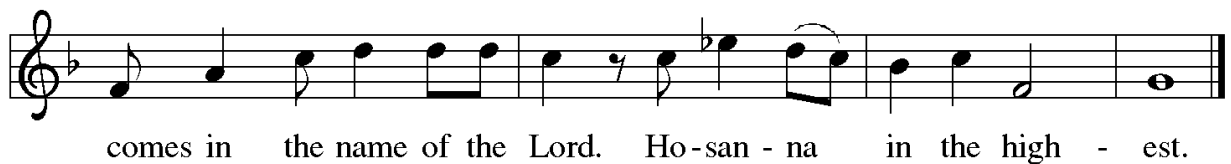
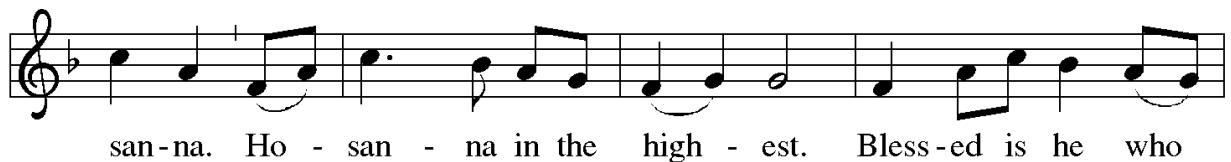
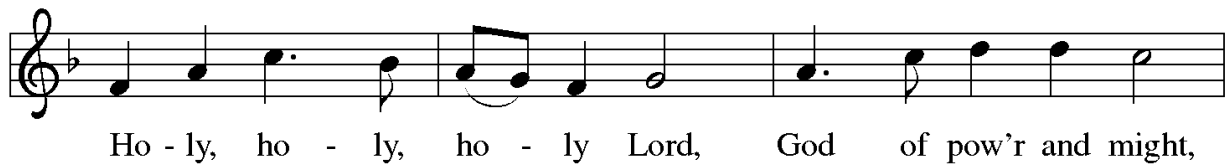
**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

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



**P** *God of yesterday, tomorrow, and right now, God of the sun, the moon, and the pink before dawn, God of our head, our heart, and our gut, we are full of Alleluias.*

*Holy God, we are full of Alleluias because this morning the sun rose once again. This morning, the birds sang for you. This morning children laughed, flowers bloomed, and hope was shared. We have heard how the stone was rolled away. We dare to believe that life is stronger than death and love is stronger than evil. So today, we are full of Alleluias. Today we are full of hope.*

*However, we know that not every day feels like today. Just days ago, we walked the path to the cross. Just days ago, we remembered the violence humanity is capable of. Just days ago, we remembered the cruelty that this world knows all too well. So on this hopeful day, as well as on those grief-filled days, we ask that you would meet us here.*

*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.*

*Meet us in this sanctuary. Meet us in this community. Meet us at this Table. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup. Roll back the stone, again and again, as many times as it takes for us to see you. Call us by name, again and again, as many times as it takes for us to hear you. Pull us from the trenches of our grief, and give us reason to hope.*

*As you do, we will keep singing your praises, we will come back to this Table, we will continue to bring you our hope, our grief, and our trust in you.*

**P** *With a mouth full of Alleluias, we join our voices once more to pray the prayer your Son taught:*

**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.**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)*

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

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## Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

*After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.*

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C Amen.*

*We are blessed to have Lay Eucharistic Ministers serving here at LCGS. Today, we bless the bread and the wine they carry in their home communion kits are consecrated during our service. Home communion is then offered throughout the month to those who are unable to join us here.*

**P** *Let us pray. Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.*

**A** *Let us pray. Holy One,*  
**C** **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, amen.**

✦ SENDING ✦

**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

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

No. 393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**A** *Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!*

**C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

*We welcome and thank Pastor Teal Anderson for being with us and leading worship today while Pastor Drew is on vacation.*

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Gail, Paul, Ann, Donna, Andrea, Al,  
Joan, Betty, Carol, Merrill, Jean, Joan S.,  
Jocelyn, Nick, Lois*

**Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God**

*by Marylin Tober in memory of her sister, Joanne Wedin, on the anniversary of her birthday.*

*and*

*by Geoff and Janet DeVinney in honor of Caitlin DeVinney Crew on her birthday.*

**Prayers of Comfort**

*For the family of Phyllis Berger. May the blessed hope of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ comfort the Berger family and all who knew and loved Phyllis.*

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**SERVING TODAY**

**8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

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