

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

10:15 a.m.



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.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

Day of Arising (ELW 474)

David Cherwien

Please stand.

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 **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

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 (*local waters may be named*).

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.**

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.**

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 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.**

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.

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.

Wednesday Evening Prayer and Friday Morning Prayer



Did you know you are able to access Lord of Life's Wednesday Evening Prayer and Friday Morning Prayer live-streaming through Facebook? Both are led by our Director of Music, *Tim Elder*.

The Service Board is expanding on Meals for the Sick ministry, started by *Kay Welch*. We came up with "The Meal Train." This is for people who are released from the hospital who would be given a meal. The Chairperson for this ministry is *Phyllis Ruse*, and her co-chair is *Alta Johnson*. When you know someone is being sent home from the hospital you may call Phyllis (803) 553-3650 to get the process started. We need volunteers to either cook a meal or donate a meal card. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are able to help. We pray this is a valuable ministry for our congregation.

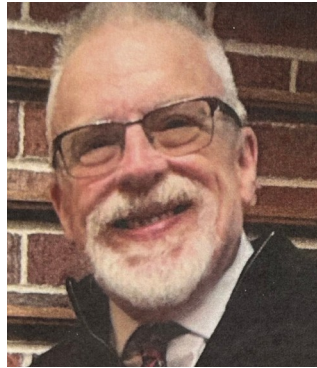




Best Spaghetti in Canfield!
 Spaghettt Drive-Thru
 Tell all your friends
 Thursday, May 28
 3:00pm—6:00pm
 Or until SOLD OUT!

ORGAN RECITAL—TIM ELDER

You are invited to the Cathedral of Saint Columba, on Friday, April 24th, at 6:30pm, for an Organ Recital to be given by our own Director of Music, *Tim Elder*. Join Tim for an evening of music—featuring organ solos, and organ with piano, oboe, and clarinet. A reception will follow. The Cathedral is located at 144 Wood Street, Youngstown. Handicap parking is available in the parking lot to the right of the Cathedral.



Do not park in the Steel Museum Parking Lot!
You will be towed!



Wednesday Prayer Time continues at 10:00am each Wednesday before Bible Study.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues studying “Peaceful Practices” this Wednesday at 10:30am.



The Sanctuary Light

*Is given to the glory of God,
In memory of Rosella Lorenz. (Joye’s Mother)
By Joye and George Lange*

Prayer of the Day

P O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Today’s reading is the conclusion of Peter’s sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19



I will call up - on the name of the LORD.



¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
² **for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
⁴ **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R

¹² How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?
¹³ **I will lift the cup | of salvation**
and call on the name | of the LORD.
¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people.
¹⁵ **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**
is the death | of your servants.
¹⁶ O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people,
¹⁹ **in the courts of | the LORD’s house,**
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R

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Daily Scripture Readings for April 20 through April 25

Mon 04/20	Tues 04/21	Wed 04/22	Thurs 04/23	Fri 04/24	Sat 04/25
Psalm 134	Psalm 134	Psalm 134	Psalm 23	Psalm 23	Psalm 23
Genesis 18:1-14	Proverbs 8:32-9:6	Exodus 24:1-11	Exodus 2:15b-25	Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20	Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 Peter 1:23-25	1 Peter 2:1-3	John 21:1-14	1 Peter 2:9-12	1 Peter 2:13-17	Luke 15:1-7

Serving in Worship in April

	04/05	04/12	04/19	04/26	05/01
Greeter/ Usher	Bob Soles	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West
Lector	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams
Crucifer	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas	Chris Eash	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas
Acolyte					

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution **On the Journey to Emmaus** **Marty Haugen**
We Come to the Hungry Feast **ELW 479**

Anthem **Jesus Is Risen, Alleluia!** **Russell Nagy**

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

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,
Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing** **ELW 385**

Blessing

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.**

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude **Alleluia on Lasst uns Erfreuen** **Franklin D. Ashdown**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1: 17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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

Luke 24: 13-35

P The holy gospel according to Luke.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But 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 took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

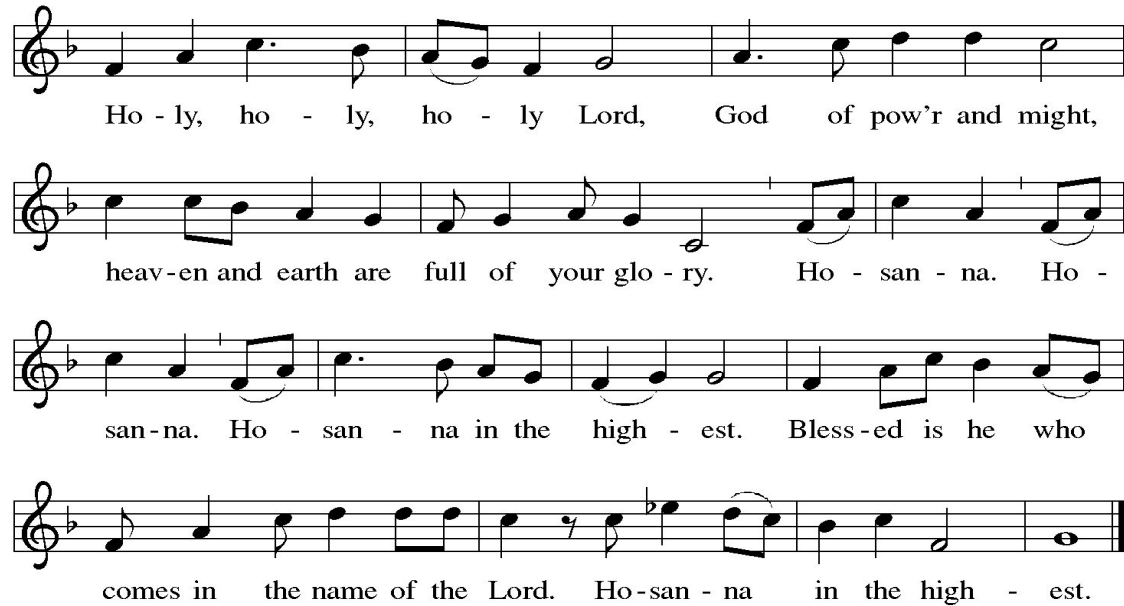
Lamb of God

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.

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,



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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe....
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as
we proclaim the mystery of life.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.
C **Come Holy Spirit.**
P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...
...Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P With your holy ones of all times and all places...
...we praise you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.
C **Amen**

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Day of Arising

ELW 374

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 life
everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken
world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.
P Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany
us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the
breaking of the bread. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
P Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that
are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may
yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God
C **receive our prayer.**

P Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick—especially those we name before you out loud or in our hearts

Sean Bandelier, Madolyn Elder, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Emma Parker, Pam Parker, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, Patty Weiss, and the family of Adam Schropp.

Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.
Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name.
Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.
Merciful God,
C **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.**

Peace

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

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offering Response

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

Be Not Afraid

Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
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.**

Dialogue

.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.**