

# The Second Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion



April 12, 2026  
9:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church  
*Phillipsburg, KS*

## **Introduction to the day**

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. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

**During the forty-nine-day long Easter Season that began on Easter Sunday, a week of weeks, we celebrate the empty tomb. There are certain traditions in worship and liturgy that have developed as we focus on this season of Christ's resurrection:**

- *Easter Sunday actually begins the night before at sundown on Saturday because Genesis records that a day starts with evening and then morning. This is why the Easter Vigil begins at sundown on Saturday in celebration of the night that leads to resurrection light.*
- *The color of Easter is white to reflection the joy at Christ's resurrection. On the first day of Easter, the color can also be gold to reflect the treasure of Christ's love for us.*
- *The Paschal Candle (the large and ornate pillar candle), first lit at sundown during the Easter Vigil and brought into the still dark church, remains lit throughout the Easter Season and is placed near the altar. After the Easter Season, the Paschal Candle is moved near the baptismal font and is lit during all baptisms and funerals.*
- *The liturgy for Holy Communion is fuller and longer during the Easter Season. The Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, Offertory, and Post-communion Hymn are usually included. And the Gospel acclamation with "Alleluia" returns after its absence during Lent.*
- *Unique to Lutherans, we have two variations for the Hymn of Praise. "Glory to God" is based on the angel proclamation and is used in most traditions all year when appropriate. However, Lutherans also use "This is the Feast" or a variation of such, which is based on many verses found in Revelation. "This is the Feast" is usually used throughout the Easter Season and certain festivals.*
- *A more recent tradition is a "Thanksgiving for Baptism" liturgy to begin worship. Although not often followed in recent years, the Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness was often omitted during the Easter Season to separate it from the repentant nature of Lent. The Thanksgiving of Baptism provides a focus on the grace and forgiveness found in the waters of baptism while also honoring the festive Easter Season.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

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 and we pray for much needed rain to sustain our land and crops. Blessed are you.

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

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.

**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.

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

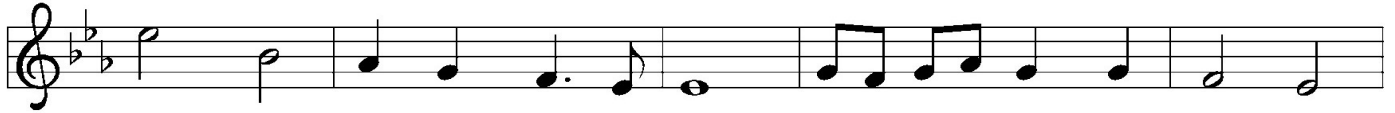
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

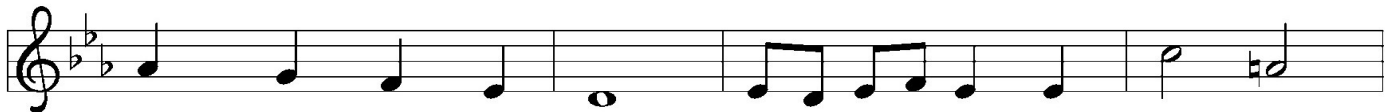
## GATHERING SONG – *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW #376)



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### *Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## GREETING

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

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

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

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW #157)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a Leader part (top staff) and an Assembly part (bottom staff). The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your".

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW #167) (WOV #789)**

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Prsider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

*Assembly is invited to be seated*

**CHILDREN SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 15:1-11, 19-21**

<sup>1</sup> [Then] Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:  
 “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
 horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him;  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.
- <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;  
his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- <sup>5</sup> The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.
- <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.
- <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.
- <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake;  
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
- <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- <sup>11</sup> Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

<sup>19</sup> When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-9**

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW #174)**

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes.

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

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

*Assembly is invited to sit*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)**



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

## **NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*After each petition:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of God' peace with one another.

*Assembly is invited to remain standing as able.*

## OFFERTORY: (ELW #465)



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.


*Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

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, Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:* *Presider:*



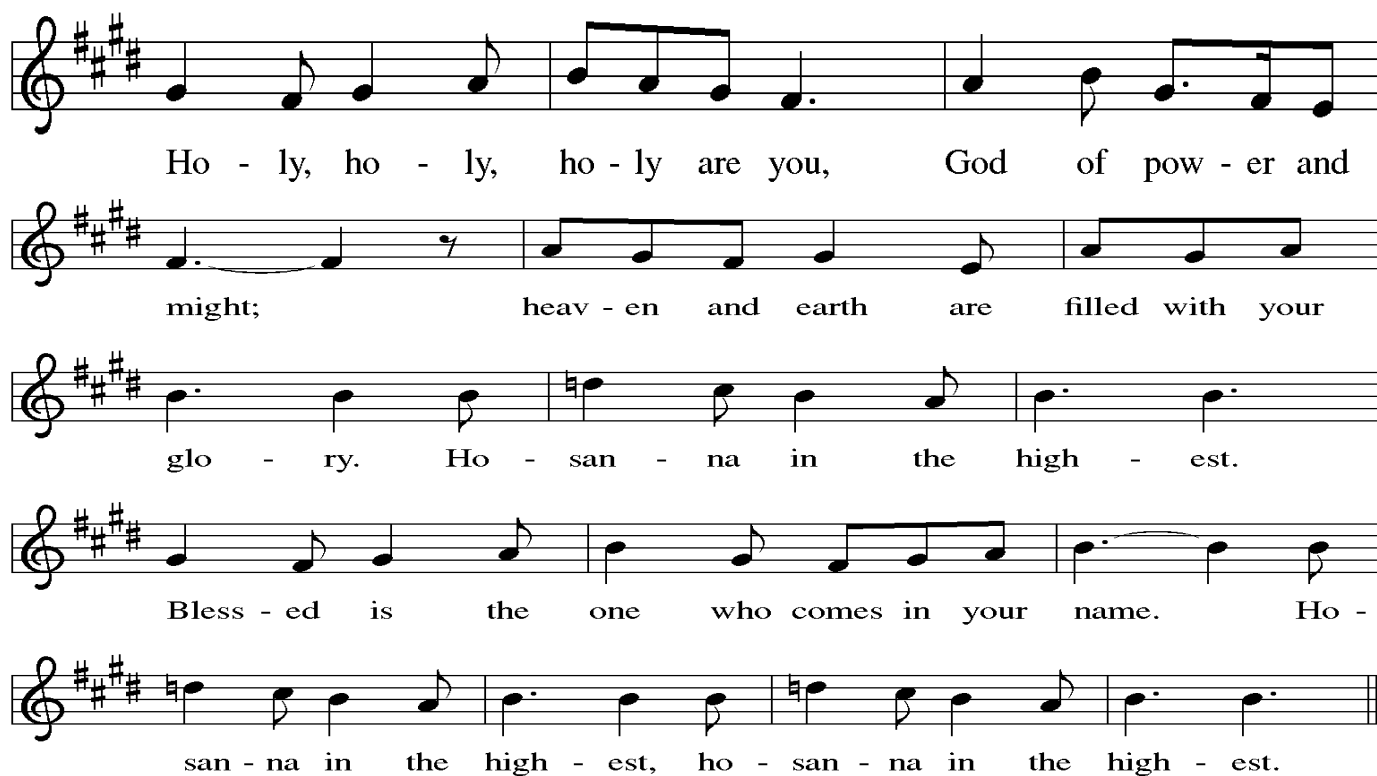
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*



thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The presiding minister continues with the proper preface followed by the Sanctus.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these  
gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Reveal  
yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the  
world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With [...] your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now  
and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

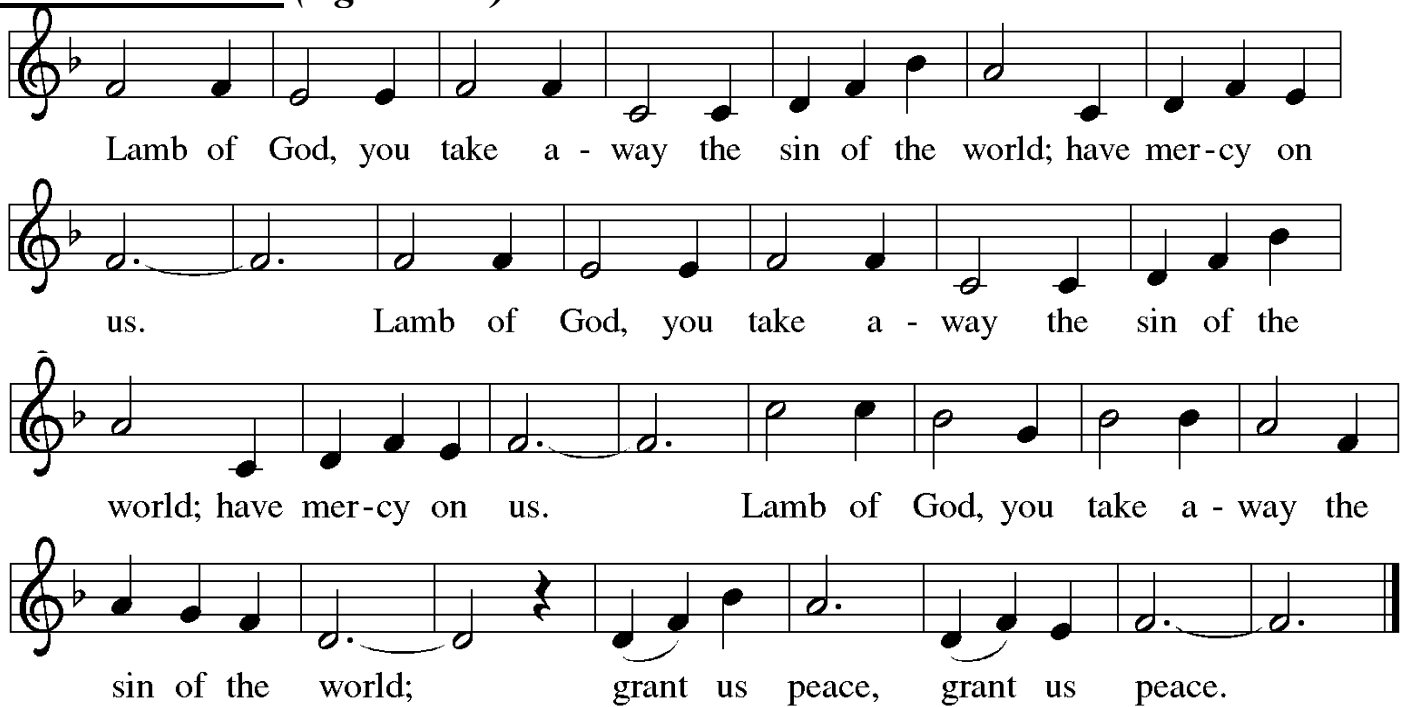
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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 AND WELCOME TO COMMUNION**

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

## **LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)



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, grant us peace.

*Assembly is invited to sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

*After all have communed, the Presiding Minister may continue with this or similar words: (LBW page 92)*

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

**Amen.**

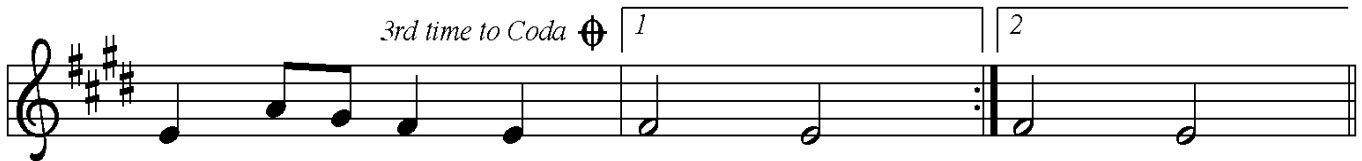
## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (ELW #208)



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (from *Sundays & Seasons*)

Let us pray. 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, **Amen.**

## 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.  
Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen (ELW #377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **DISMISSAL**

Jesus Christ is risen!

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

Go in peace. Praise the Lord!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## **LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026 - Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church**

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

## **EMMANUEL & ZION PRAYER LIST**

**Sick, injured, or grieving:** Comfort for the families of Ehrhart Merklein, Ramond Hanes, Bert Mongeau, and Jessica Gooder. Healing and wholeness for Brandi Jerby, Janet Conn, Terry McCall, Eldon Preuss, Troy Blubaugh, Mindy Horner Lamont, and Baby Henry.

**Military** - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, and Col. Mark Mullinax,

**Homebound or in care facilities:** Jean Daniels, Sharon Krafft, Dorothy Hanke, Norma Preuss, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, and Connie Winter.

**TO ADD PRAYERS:** *If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please confirm that the person consents to be on a public list.* Then please email or call Janice Giedd at [jgiedd@ruraltel.net](mailto:jgiedd@ruraltel.net) or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Lee Bennight: [pastorleebennight@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleebennight@gmail.com) (785) 302-1923 or Pastor Kathy at [kwhitneyrev@gmail.com](mailto:kwhitneyrev@gmail.com) or (785) 302-1876.

## **FREE DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES**

- Augsburg Fortress Press publishes a weekly devotion that can be delivered to your email. This devotion is a reflection on the Sunday readings from the previous week. To sign up for these devotionals, go to the Augsburg Fortress website or directly to the signup page at <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/augsburg-fortress-weekly-devotional>
- Augsburg Fortress Press also offers simple daily prayers geared towards parents with small children, teenagers, and adults that can be accessed from your smartphone. The resource is entitled “Unbridled Prayers.” These prayers can be shared in just a minute or two but are helpful in developing an individual or family prayer time. For instruction in downloading the app, go to <https://unbridledprayers.app/help>.
- Daily Lectio is a daily resource based upon the Revised Common Lectionary, which is the schedule of readings used for Sunday worship. But many do not realize that the Revised Common Lectionary is actually a daily resource. The Bible readings appointed for Monday through Wednesday reflect on the prior Sunday readings. The Bible readings appointed for Thursday through Saturday prepare us for the coming Sunday readings. A weekly prayer and psalm are also provided. These readings can be accessed through its website, delivered daily to your email account, or through an app for I-phones. To sign up or for more information, go to <https://www.dailylectio.net>.

## **ZION COMBINED CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Holy Communion Service at Zion

### **Wednesday, April 15**

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation End of Year Gathering

### **Sunday, April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Holy Communion Service at Zion
- 5:00 pm – Parish Council at Zion

### **Monday, April 20**

- 7:00 pm – Zion Worship Committee

### **Wednesday, April 22**

- 2:00 pm – PCRC Bible Study & Worship

### **Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) –**

- 9:00 am – Holy Communion Service at Zion

**Sunday, May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) – Graduate Sunday**

- 9:00 am – Holy Communion Service at Zion

**Saturday, May 9 – Thunder Ridge Graduation**

**Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

**Logan & Phillipsburg Graduation**

- 9:00 am – Holy Communion Service at Zion

	<b>ZION WORSHIP SERVERS</b>		
	<b>TODAY</b> Sunday (04/12/26) <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> At 9:00 am	Sunday (04/19/26) <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> At 9:00 am	Sunday (04/26/26) <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> At 9:00 am
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Kathy	Pastor Lee	Pastor Lee
<b>Lector /Reader</b>	Christi Driggs	Christina Dettmer	Marci Rust
<b>Acolyte</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Musicians</b>	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
<b>Sound System / Media</b>	Shellie Lare	Christina Dettmer	Cesha Rust
<b>Greeters</b>	Melvin & Grace Grau	Jordan Dettmer Family	Brad & Shellie Lare
<b>Ushers</b>	Howard King	Janet McCall	Steve Rust
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Steven & Cesha Rust	Steven & Cesha Rust	Steven & Cesha Rust

**Giving:**

March - \$5,275.00

YTD - \$14,537.00

**FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

The Phillips County Food Pantry is available to residents of Phillips County. The only requirements are that a client states a need and lives in Phillips County. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call pantry director Benny Bennight at (928) 300-2314 for questions or to donate.

**PASTOR CONTACTS**

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- PMA Candidate Andrea Keesee, (785) 533-2723, [akeesee@nex-tech.com](mailto:akeesee@nex-tech.com)

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Zion website: [www.zionlutheranchurchofphillipsburg.org](http://www.zionlutheranchurchofphillipsburg.org)
- Parish website: [www.disciplesoftheplains.com](http://www.disciplesoftheplains.com)
- Central States Synod: [www.css-elca.org](http://www.css-elca.org)

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## GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION

- Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 pm
- Trinity Lutheran Church – 2703 Fort Street, Hays, Kansas
- Service will include Holy Communion
- Potluck and time for fellowship after.
- Contact Pastor Brenda Roger for more information. (785) 445-9119