



Easter Season Continues



11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service April 12

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

***If you are new,** please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.*

Adult Bible Class: In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- *Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery*
- *The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st - 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room*

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup

Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.

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Staying connected** through at least one of these ways allows you to know what's happening in between Sundays so you can plan ahead and be involved. If you follow us on social media, please be **sure to share our posts!

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

April 12 2026 • 11:11am

2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome New Members

SONGS

God So Loved

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, makes us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. He is risen. He is risen indeed.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Melissa Horning

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING Acts 2:22-24 *pew Bible, page 994*

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God.

"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 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, killed by the hands of those outside the law. 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.


Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL John 20:19-29 *pew Bible, page 991*

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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

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But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Easter Season Sermon Series on the Nature of God*
This week: Gratitude, Not Doubt

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG *Because He Lives (Amen)*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS *hymnal age 236* Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *There's Nothing That God Can't Do*

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG *Goodness of God*

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

EASTER BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth in the world as Easter people. Serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; and honor all people rejoicing in the power of the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *My Feet Are On The Rock* (Children are invited to the altar)

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

A: Love God. Love others. Serve.

C: Alleluia!

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members

Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob & Rhonda, Blackburn, Roger Brown, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki and family, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Calvin Giles, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Peggy Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Noelani Bossman, Katie & Brandon Brown, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Chris Clark, Meg Corrigan, Victoria Cox, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Kevin Duskin, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allison Galloway Kraft, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Wil Glafenhein & family, Angél Gobel, Allan Goldsmith, Matthew Green, Gutelius family, Blanche Hall, Hall family, Randi Hammer-Boge, Lynne Heffner, Nadine Heislbetz, Jeff Herbold, Joy Hymer, Don Karlstad, Bob Kessling, AJ Kitchen, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Madelaine Patterson, Rev. Dan Pavaloa, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Julie Reed, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Jim Russell, Sarah Rye, Salles families, Lainey Savilsky, Marilyn Savilsky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, baby Ruth Sommerfeld and family, Bryce Stephens, Leora Stewart, Baby Ruth Sommerfeld, Brody Taylor, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Doug Trout, Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Townley Whalen, Jim Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Sherry Wolfe, Diane Yonke, Gary Yonke, Taylor Ysteboe, Mark Zalesky, Zehner family, Nan Ziegler, Adelaide, Alex Kate & her mother, Alexander, Angel & Ben, Ann Marie, Basham, Carolyn, Cehree & family, Charles, Cheri & George, Dallas, Darcy, Garrett, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Julie & Kevin, Karen, Kevin, Kim, Lara Beth, Laura, Lucy, Max, Micki, Peter, RC, Ron, RYG, Sandra, Sara & family, Shannington, Sharon & family, Touranne, Van *and those we name to You.*

Welcome New Members: Paul, Tammy & Ben Hyland; Kathryn Kripas; Peggy Lanning.

Joy: Via de Cristo weekend, April 16-19.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: John Adam Delahoussaye, Jeremy Dalton, Diana Stephens, Jack Park, James Stephens.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Marcus, Leah, Asha, Christy, Ellra, Stephanie, Faye, Cherese, Jazayla, Jazarah, Sasuke, Jervice, Gary, Tom, EL, Rick, Jonathon, Darren, Jacob, Gary *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Carmen Larsen

GREETERS Leslie & Rick Smenner

USHERS Brad Berry, Christian Berry

COMMUNION MINISTERS Vicki Adams, Lisa Stelter, Amy Monteagudo,
Debbie Pinchok, Melissa Horning

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Jen Berry

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m.** English Language Class for Advanced Learners
- 10:15 p.m.** Coffee, Donuts, Fellowship
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m.** Anglican Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 12 p.m.** Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m.** English Language Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 1:30 p.m.** Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 10 a.m.** WELCA Women's Group
- 5:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:30 a.m.** Handy Faithfuls
- 6 p.m.** Council Executive Committee
- 6:30 p.m.** Church Council Meeting
- 7:30 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:30 a.m.** Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m.** Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 11 a.m.** Al-Anon
- 2 p.m.** Wally Paquet Memorial
- 3 p.m.** Wally Paquet Reception

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 9 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m.** English Language Class for Advanced Learners
- 10:15 p.m.** Coffee, Donuts, Fellowship
- 11:11 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Canticle of Prayer: Candlelight Concert**
 - May 2 at 6:30 p.m., light refreshments at 6
- **Next Unified Worship Service**
 - May 24, 10 a.m. at McFee Park, followed by potluck picnic
- **Vacation Bible School**
 - June 1-5, Register online at faithloves.org/vbs2026

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Judges 6:36-40, 1 Corinthians, 15:12-20, Psalm 114

Tuesday: Jonah 1:1-17, 1 Corinthians 15:19-28, Psalm 114

Wednesday: Jonah 2:1-10, Matthew 12:38-42, Psalm 114

Thursday: Isaiah 25:1-5, 1 Peter 1:8b-12, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Friday: Isaiah 26:1-4, 1 Peter 1:13-16, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Saturday: Isaiah 25:6-9, Luke 14:12-14, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: **\$ 20,069**

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