

April 12, 2026 + Second Sunday of Easter

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia

2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3. Christ the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9 *New birth to a living hope through the resurrection*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 16 *In your presence there is fullness of joy.*

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.”

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . .

Glory to you, O Lord.

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "We Walk By Faith"

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;

with gracious words draw near,

O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:

"My peace be with you here."

2. We may not touch your hands and side,

nor follow where you trod;

but in your promise we rejoice,

and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;

and may our faith abound

to call on you when you are near

and seek where you are found:

4. For you, O resurrected Lord,

are found in means divine:

beneath the water and the word,

beneath the bread and wine.

5. And when our life of faith is done,

in realms of clearer light

we may behold you as you are,

with full and endless sight.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin

Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right

hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Offering

Giving Prayer

Gracious God, **giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.**

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.

Announcements

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 us now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story"

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully
sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never
heard the message of salvation from God's own holy
word. **Refrain**

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best

seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new
song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so
long. *Refrain*

Dismissal

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