

April 19, 2026 + Third Sunday of Easter

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

Confession & Forgiveness

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 “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory;
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future no flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5. City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! 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

Lord Jesus Christ, **Stay with us in every part of our journey, no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today. Through your Holy Spirit, open our eyes. Help us see you as our risen Lord in all your beauty, and in all your loving power. Amen.**

First Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-23

Born anew through the living word of God

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

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD.

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Gospel – Luke 24:13-35 *The Road to Emmaus*

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 "Stay with Us"

1. Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.

2. Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry, feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.

3. Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

4. Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold: heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.

5. Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

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

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.

Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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 Hymn

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace

Prayer after Communion

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.**

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

“Blessed Assurance”

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a
foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchased of God, born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior
all the day long: this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of
rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending
bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am
happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. ***Refrain***

Dismissal

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