

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,
Make Disciples...)**

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LW 131

**Now all the vault of heaven resounds in praise of love that still
abounds:**

**'Christ has triumphed! He is living!' Sing, choirs of angels, loud and
clear!**

**Repeat their song of glory here: Christ has triumphed!
Christ has triumphed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
'Christ has triumphed! He is living!' Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed!
He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient
for life's day**

**That by our lives we truly say: 'Christ has Triumphed!
He is living!' Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen**

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:...
22"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, 27because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. 28You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' **29"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. 32God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9

3Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7These have come so that your faith—of

greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

19On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." 26A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavenly blessed sing:
'Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!' Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

INVOCATION

(ref. Matthew 18:20)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477 v 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Savior, Precious Savior" LW 282

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above:
We worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;
We praise you and confess you, our holy Lord and King.**

**O Bringer of salvation, so marvelously wrought,
Yourself the revelation of love beyond our thought:
We worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;
We praise you and confess you, our holy Lord and King.**

**In you all fullness dwelling, all grace and pow'r divine;
Your glory all excelling, God's Son, O Savior mine.
We worship you; we bless you; to you alone we sing;
We praise you and confess you, our holy Lord and King.**

**Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above
In endless adoration and everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless you where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess you, our Savior and our King!**

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

**C: 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" LW 139

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall
me.**

Brighter scenes will then commence; this shall be my confidence.

**Jesus lives! To him the throne there above all things is given.
I shall go where he is gone, live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me he died, hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And I am sure neither life nor death shall sever
Me from him. I shall endure in his love, through death, forever.
God will be my sure defense; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!**

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL & GOD SPEED "My Friends"

**My friends, I will remember you;
Think of you; pray for you.
And when another day is through
I'll still be friends with you.**

POSTLUDE