



*Peace be with you*

~ John 20:19

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

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## HOLY COMMUNION

*Setting Four*

*Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation*

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

#### EASTER LITANY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The grave is dark and never gives back.

**But God is stronger than all of death!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

In Christ, sorrow gives way to joy.

**The dead now rise to new life!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**GATHERING HYMN** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!” **ELW 393**

#### 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.**

#### KIRIE

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#### THIS IS THE FEAST

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#### 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.**

## WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>22</sup>“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 <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 16 (*spoken responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> 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.”

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods

shall have their troubles<sup>1</sup> multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings<sup>1</sup> to such gods,  
never take their names up-<sup>1</sup> on my lips.**

**<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion<sup>1</sup> and my cup;  
it is you who up-<sup>1</sup> hold my lot.**

**<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a<sup>1</sup> pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a<sup>1</sup> rich inheritance.**

**<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who<sup>1</sup> gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night<sup>1</sup> after night.**

**<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD al-<sup>1</sup> ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken.**

**<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-<sup>1</sup> it rejoices;  
my body also shall<sup>1</sup> rest in hope.**

**<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me<sup>1</sup> to the grave,  
nor let your holy one<sup>1</sup> see the pit.**

**<sup>11</sup> You will show me the<sup>1</sup> path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand  
are pleasures for-<sup>1</sup> evermore.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 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.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL READING

**John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Please be seated*

### SERMON

*Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan*

*One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

**ELW 389**

**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.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (especially). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. 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.**

# MEAL

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Please Stand*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”  
(vs. 4) **ELW 367**

## OFFERING 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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** **pg. 152**

*Please kneel or sit*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** **pg. 154**

It is indeed right...

**LORD’S PRAYER** **pg. 154**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## DISTRIBUTION

*Please be seated*

**LAMB OF GOD** **pg. 154**

*Please kneel or sit*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“One Bread, One Body”

**ELW 496**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

**ELW 494**

*Please stand*

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

**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.**

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection  
dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Thine Is the Glory”

**ELW 376**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Postlude:*

## **Prayer List**

<b>For Health:</b>	Charlotte D	Malynda A	<b>For Safety:</b>
Joyce G	Jonathan A	Annamaria T	Andrew C
Bill B	Pauline N	Brenda B	Todd S
Cathy L	Curt R	Lee T	Michael C
Marion B	Matthew S	Judi E	Tyler G
Lily V	Joan A	Don R	Erik B
Holly N	Diane E	David O	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Dick C	Michael G	Evan G
Lisa A	Karen R	Patricia C	David P
Aiden J	Stacey T	Family of	
Helen A	Pat J	Marjorie F	
Matthew A	Lois B		
Bud J	Loe M		
Jessica A	Alexis R		

### **SERVING TODAY**

Christine Kelsey - Lector  
Jay Huntington - Worship Assistant  
Donna Berndtson, Rick Borg, - Ushers/Greeters  
Carol Murphy - Altar Guild  
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



The altar flowers are in  
memory of  
**Todd Tacke**  
given by Donna and Chris  
Cote and family.





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**Today: April 12, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**10:30 a.m.** The Chosen

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

**This Week:**

Monday: Pastor Away/No Preschool - Spring Break

**6:00 p.m.** N/A

**6:30 p.m.** Swedish Cemetery Annual Meeting

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Saturday: **10:00 a.m.** Funeral - Fletcher

**Next Sunday:**

**April 19, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.** Adult Education

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 117; Last year - 104

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

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