

Welcome to



April 19, 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Easter

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The vision of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to:  
GROW UP in His Word,  
GROW OUT in his Ministry,  
GROW TOGETHER in His Love.

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+ PRELUDE +

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING HYMN +

973 *THY WORD IS A LAMP*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end.  
I will love You to the end.

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+ INVOCATION +

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake

**of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*KYRIE*

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*EPISTLE*

1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*HOLY GOSPEL*

John 10:1–10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*MESSAGE*

*NICENE CREED*

*OFFERING*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*PREFACE*

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we

laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS*

LSB 195

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*LORD'S PRAYER*

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*PAX DOMINI*

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*DISTRIBUTION HYMNS*

*478 THE DAY OF RESURRECTION*

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
 Δ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,

The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad-ness blend;  
 Let all the ran-somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne

Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - scribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79

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## 543 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.

Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven

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## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have  
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we

implore You that of Your mercy You would  
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You  
and in fervent love toward one another; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.


The Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠  
give you peace.


**C** Amen, amen, amen.

**+ CLOSING HYMN +**


**802 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**




1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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**+ POSTLUDE +**

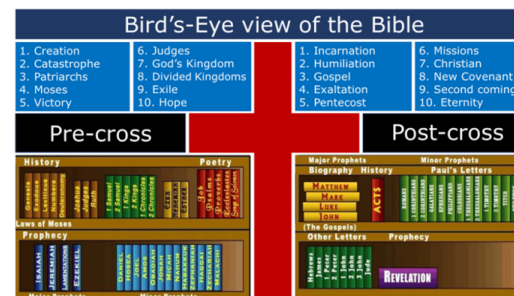
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# What's Happening @ Gethsemane



Join us as we take a  
 "Bird's Eye" view  
 of all of the books of the Bible.  
 Some of the basics we probably  
 already know and some facts  
 that maybe we didn't know or think of!

Tuesday mornings @ 10am  
 in the Gethsemane Library

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes @ 10:15 a.m.**

Stay for coffee and cookies after the 9 a.m.  
 worship service then join a Bible class!

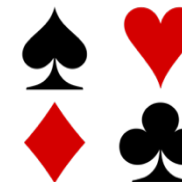
Women's Bible Study: "Life Lessons from  
 Ephesians" – Led by Maria Keeling – Meets  
 in the Library

"Study the Book of Matthew" – Led by  
 Pastor James Jennings – Meets in the Life  
 Center

**Flowers for April 19<sup>th</sup>:**

By Lisa and Curtis Sitz in honor of Lisa's cousin,  
 Suzanne for her birthday.

By Alison and Daniel Hortsman with thanks for  
 God's blessings and church friends.



**Card Games**

Join us on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in  
 the Life Center for card games  
 at 11:30am.

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