



**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:  
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

**Welcome to Worship :: April 12, 2026— 2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Today's Worship Ministers**

*Usher: Pam Best  
Reader: Judy Sanberg  
Communion Assistant: Robin Johnson  
Narthex Host: Linda McGuire*

**Staff**

*Pastor: Jamie Gallagher  
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Musicians: Janice Algren and Carolyn Kellert*

**Check Out Our Welcome Center**

**Coffee Station:** We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

**Giving Station:** Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

**Vision and Purpose:** In April we are supporting our local chapter of the Special Olympics. Join us on April 12th to hear a special message from Kaylee McLaughlin who will share her experiences with Special Olympics.

**Weekly Newsletters:** Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

**In Our Prayers**

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Charlotte Volz, Richard Schlicher, Tim Greene, Eloise Swisher, Cecil Lovdahl

**Reception to Honor Caring Hearts**

After worship today, we will be hosting a cake reception to honor Betty Bruyn and Glenna Martin to thank them for their years of dedicated love and service leading our Caring Hearts ministry.

**Order of Service**

**Gathering**

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
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**The Word/Prayer**

Greeting

**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**

Special Music

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 8, page 188  
John 20:19-31

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 366, The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Hymn: ELW 595 Jesus Loves Me

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Prayer

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**Communion**

Dialogue: ELW Setting 8, page 190

Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 8, page 190

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God", ELW Setting 8, page 191

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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**Sending**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: Because He Lives

## Acts 2:14a, 22-32

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 22 “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— 23 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. 24 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. 25 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; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29 “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. 30 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. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ 32 “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## 1 Peter 1:3-9

3 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 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 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. 8 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, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## John 20:19-31

19 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.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 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.”

26 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.” 27 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.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 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.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 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.