

OLD NORTH CHURCH

*Our mission is to follow Christ and proclaim his word
in a lost and broken world so loved by God.*

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“The Agincourt Hymn” arr. Frederick Swann
“Epilogue” Alec Wyton
“Come Down, O Love Divine” Robert Hobby

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #77 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Call to Worship

Come! Listen to the call of the Lord.

Together we respond to His call.

Come! We are His chosen instrument.

Together God equips us as His people ready to do His will.

Come! Together we declare the glory of the Lord!

*HYMN #52 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Glory,

We come before you to offer our honest confession. Our greed and our lust for power has created enemies where you call us to find friends. We have failed to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life. We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and look for others to blame.

Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes. Set our feet on the right path that we may bring the hope of resurrection and reconciliation in all that we say and do. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

...a time of silence is kept...

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!

AND ALSO WITH YOU!

LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS

*GLORIA PATRI #805

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end; Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-19

Linda Treacy

SERMON HYMN #557

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

SERMON

“Blinded by the Light”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Ariosa”

Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY #809

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #532**

“Be Thou My Vision”

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING SONG**

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE

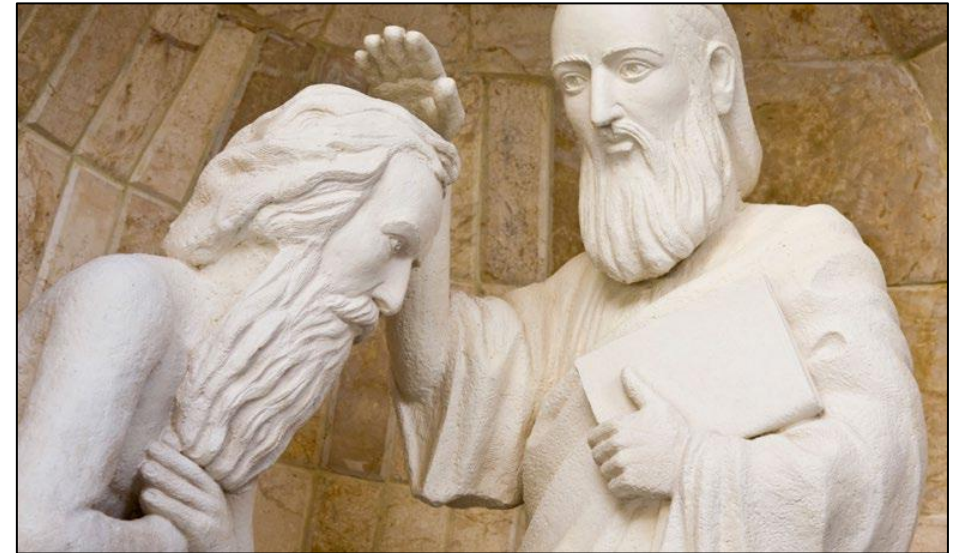
“Carillon – Toccata”

Gordon Young

*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

Welcome to Old North. *We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!
Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more
information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.



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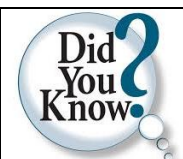
THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Jena Rand-Babicz, Rich Schmude, Carol Sushko
DEACONS: Nick DiBella, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos

Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact information in the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.

We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.



In 2026, the Third Sunday of Easter falls on April 19, focusing on the resurrected Jesus revealing himself to disciples, often featuring the Road to Emmaus narrative (Luke 24). It highlights themes of recognizing Jesus in the breaking of bread, the continuity of the early church's mission, and joy.

Prayer Chain: If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456. Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



Church Family Prayer List:

- Diana
- Katie
- Michael
- Tom

For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling. Prayers for all who serve in the military and for all first responders.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks.

Ushers & Greeters: Donair Karkkainen, Cheryl Rodgers

Thank you to Rene Gallagher for hosting Coffee Hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
4/26	Marianne and Mikayla Schmude	Cheryl Rodgers
5/3	Nancy Gorman, Kay Hughes	Sandra Tosacano
5/10	Nate Schmude, Ashton DiBella	Ethel Reitsema

**Congratulations to all our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!
Happy Birthday!**



4/4 – Scott Benell – 4/5 Eleanor Woerner – 4/8 Rich Schmude
4/12 Linda Treacy – 4/16 Janet Fleck – 4/20 Seppo Karkkainen
4/23 Ashton DiBella – 4/25 Kay Hughes



Our Consistory meeting is today following worship.

Food Drive and Donation Drop: Thank you to all who volunteered and donated. We are grateful to help out our Dumont Food Pantry and our community!

Thrift Shoppe: Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. except for the Tuesday before a sale. Our next sale is on 5/9.

Prayers for our Military: Memorial Day weekend while we will pause to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, we also want to pray for the safety and strength of those currently serving. **Please share the names of your loved ones in the military with the office,** and join us Sunday, 5/24, for a special prayer of protection and gratitude.

Capital Project Fund: Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been used in the past to fund major projects such as the Steeple renovation. Coming soon.....opportunities to sponsor new projects. Contributions can be made by check to Old North or cash clearly labeled **CPF**.

Ushers and Greeters: Looking for an easy way to serve? Contact the office to be added to the rotation.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Come as early as you can, by 9:00 am for the Sunday service.
- Take attendance and record it in the book in the entrance to the sanctuary.
- When seating people, let them know that prayer request cards are available and encouraged.
- Once the service has started, keep an eye on the rear door for late comers and greet them when they arrive.
- Following the Benediction, ALL ushers will help collect communion cups. You might encourage and welcome others to assist, including children and youth.
- You're welcome will set the tone for maintaining our sanctuary as a place of worship, and first impressions matter! Please be mindful of conversations that can be disruptive.