

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



“Christ Shows Himself to Thomas” by Irene LeCompte & Rowan LeCompte

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To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God’s word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 367 (Verses 1-3)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

(A: Water is poured into the font.)

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, forgiven, and restored
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.**

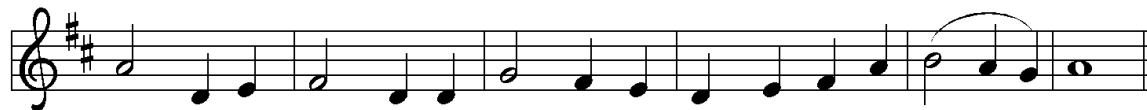
P: In baptismal waters, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
our sins are washed away, we are ✝ forgiven,
and in them we are born anew.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

A: Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Loving and gracious 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.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a. 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

- ¹ 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.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 crowd, 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

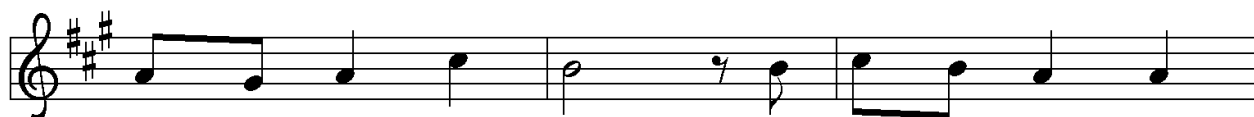
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SERMON

Rev. Christopher Drummond

*(Please stand as you are able)****HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW 635****We Walk by Faith**

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please remain standing)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(response after: Merciful God.)

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 384

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

+ TABLE +

OFFERING PRAYER

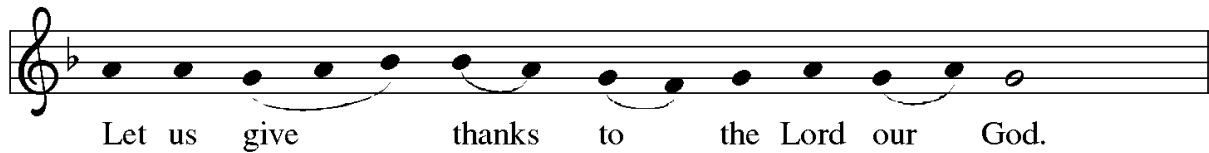
Let us pray:

A: Merciful God,

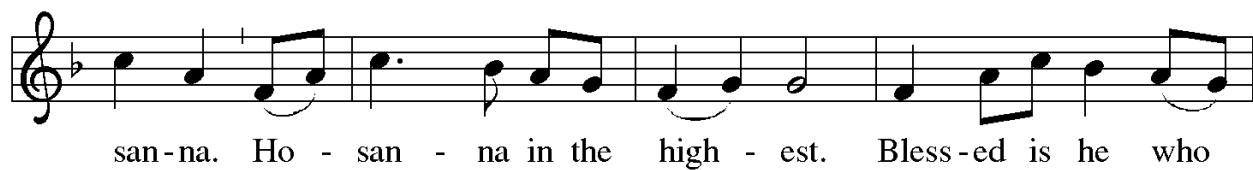
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. [...] Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Breathe **+** new life into us.

C: Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

P: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: These are the gifts of God for all of you—the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Communion is received down the center aisle, and gluten free bread is available. Prepackaged communion cups are also available at the back of the church before the service begins. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please stand as you are able)

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

A: 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,

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

***FINAL BLESSING**

P: Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:

✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN*ELW 860****I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Mar's Income: \$ 12,458 (Includes 75th Anniv. donations)

Mar's Expense: \$ 7,512 Average Attendance: 25

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Emma Christensen's birthday by her family.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 4/12

Greg C. – Assisting Minister

Alan S./Alan D. – Ushers

Christensen – Counters

Volunteer – Altar

Scheduled to serve 4/19

Donna G. – Assisting Minister

Colahans - Ushers

Colahans - Counters

Volunteer - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Apr 13

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

Tue, Apr 14

7:00pm – Council Mtg (Mtg Rm)

Wed, Apr 15

7:30pm - AA (Hall)

Thu, Apr 16

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

7:00pm – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sat, Apr 18

9:00am – AA Breakfast (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

7:00pm – Hall Rental

Sun, Apr 19

10:15am–Worship Service

12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Annie Berner

Eileen Maloney

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Lois Saunders

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Dolores Maurer

Harry Collins

Geralyn Gerakaris

Joan & Harry Chaykun

Nikki Miller

Cyndi Kline

Marie Schall

Jackie Bernduer White

Jackie Dewitt

Maureen Colahan

John Turner

Lynn McGrane

Sue Thomas

Jean Cilurso

Phyllis Horton

Lou Vallies

Linda Martin

Bill McVian

Suzie Thomas

Tom

Benny Hoffman

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for April, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, Gerilyn Gerakaris, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

COFFEE HOUR—Apr 12th after service sponsored by Barb Sapporetti.

COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, Apr 14th at 7:00 in the Meeting Room.

75th ANNIVERSARY – Sunday, Apr 26th, special time at 11:15 with celebration in the hall after service.

HOMELESS MEAL – Wednesday, April 29th. See Nancy or Gary on how you can help.

COUNTERS NEEDED – We are in need of one or two counters for the first week of the month. If you are able to volunteer for this, please call the office.

CHURCH'S 75th ANNIVERSARY!

By now you should have received your invitation to the Holy Spirit Anniversary celebration on **Sunday April 26th**. If you have not received your invitation please contact the church office so that we can get the invitation to you, or if you know someone that did not receive an invitation but should have, let us know as soon as possible.

All RSVP's are due back in the office no later than Wednesday April 1st so that we can share the information with the caterer.

We are still looking for pictures from events in the history of Holy Spirit. If you have any please put your name on the back and give them to Nancy Harris, Gary Pysher or Bill/Cyndi Kline. We will make sure you get them back if your name is on them.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are now \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

BOTTLE CAPS - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Welcomed with Open Arms

Thomas is not the only one missing from the assembly the Sunday after Easter Sunday. We are not told why Thomas is missing, but we do know why plenty of other folks are absent from the assembly: vacations, traveling, spring break for the kids.

Thomas is criticized for doubting, but he asks for nothing more than the same experience of the risen Christ the rest of the disciples had. By the grace of God, Jesus returns a second time and offers his body as living proof to Thomas. In the presence of Jesus, Thomas discovers he did not need the proof he demanded. Thomas' story is our story. We are not always where we need to be. Sometimes we even find ourselves in places we should not be at all. But Jesus comes to us, seeking us out and giving us the gift of faith. Thomas is not criticized, he is not condemned. Instead Jesus loves Thomas back into a relationship and shows the disciples what the words "Peace be with you" mean when lived out.

The resurrection promise can be heard through Peter's powerful preaching in the reading from Acts as well. Jesus will triumph over death. Peter points to Jesus' death on the cross, but what of the little ways we die? The loss of relationships, the ending of friendships, the pain of being alone and left out, the despair of losing a job, the doubt that comes on the heels of a negative diagnosis. Jesus comes to bring a holy peace and resurrection into the world in these times as well. This Sunday is an opportunity to proclaim the power of the resurrection and the grace of God, who welcomes Thomas with open arms.



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