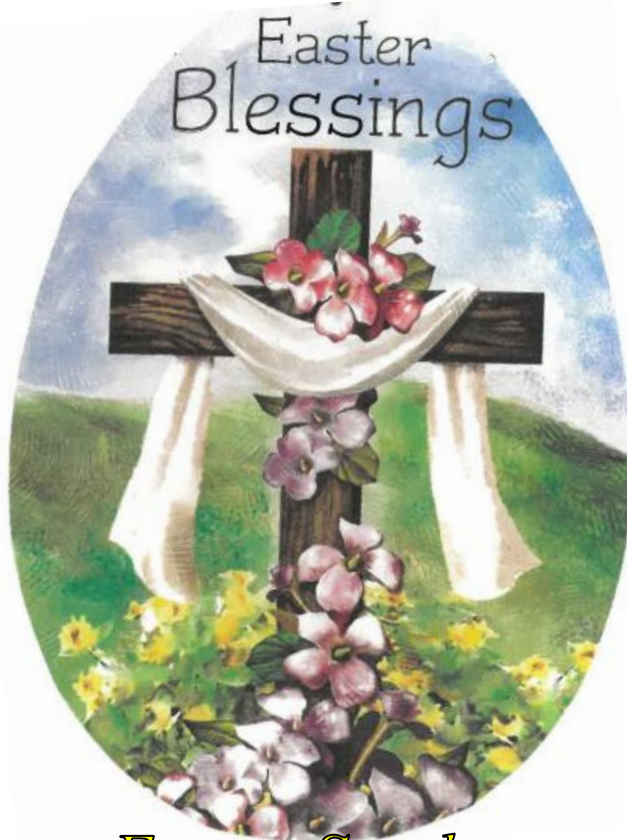


Welcome to Worship
St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



Easter Sunday
April 12, 2026



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *Paul Brooks*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tracey Pritts*
Ushers: *Jill Guy, Jack Sterling*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*



To the Glory of God

April Altar Candles, Bulletins, & Newsletters: [*available for signup*](#)

Food Pantry Needs

The **April** requests for the Food Pantry are canned fruits, jellies, and soups. Thank you.

Your Church Council is seeking input from the congregation about re-instituting adult and children's Sunday School. Please see the April "Good News Letter" for more details and speak with Pam Van Mooy or Paul Brooks.

Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."

THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN #619** I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*THANKSGIVING RESPONSE

Leader: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 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. 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

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 145:13-21

Reader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

ALL: The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

Reader: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

ALL: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Reader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

ALL: The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

Reader: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

ALL: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Reader: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3 #142



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 READING

JOHN 20:19-31

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 20. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #484

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

***THE NICENE CREED**

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We

believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Dear friends in Christ, on this Second Sunday of Easter we rejoice that our Lord Jesus is truly risen from the dead. He came to his frightened disciples, showed them his wounds, breathed on them the Holy Spirit, and gave them his peace. Just as he invited doubting Thomas to touch and believe, he invites us today to trust in his mercy and new life.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy. **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Ruth, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Dan, Dennis, Heather, Howard, Granger, Owen, Mike, Diana, Nina, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Sue, Carol, David, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Teri, Eric, Lisa, Kris, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Vicki, Josh, Linda, and Ellery.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us continue to glorify God in this community through our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

ALL: 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.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL**: And also with you.

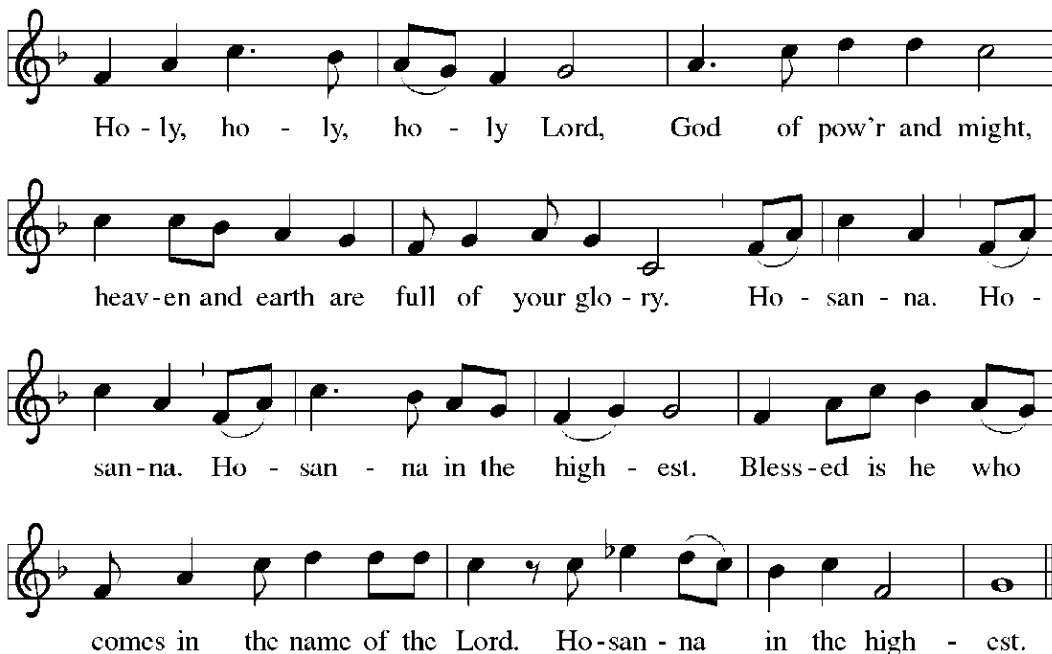
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL**: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord of God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

DISTRIBUTION

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join with me in prayer. Holy One,

ALL: 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,

***HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #376** THINE IS THE GLORY (VERSE 1)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Refrain
where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

***BLESSING**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

***The Amen**

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

***SENDING HYMN #373**

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the “hunger bowls” on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.

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# Come and See



Plan now to join the Central Conference Lutheran Women’s Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25, at 9:00 a.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 1701 Tiffin Avenue, Findlay, Ohio. There will be food, worship, a program and singing. Watch your email and snail mail for more details.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the Resurrection ~ because Jesus lives, we will live! Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Ned Slaughterbeck, Lorraine Ferguson, Pat Wheeler, Rut Heilman, Ruth McKee, Steve Pritts, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl Kruse, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Dan Lammers, Dennis Bauer, Heather Wymer, Howard Till, Granger, Owen, Mike Thompson, Diana, Sean Mills, Judy Sowards, Christina Webb, Mike, Riley Guy, Anita Roberts, Amy Stewart, Nickie Whitman, Jo Mineo, Eli Swartz, Mr. Doherty, Ron Stewart, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**GRIEVING:** the family and friends of **Cathy Smith Robinson**, a former organist at this church.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the **ELCA** (**E**vangelical **L**utheran **C**hurch in **A**merica), our presiding **Bishop Yehiel Curry**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the **NWOS** (**N**orth**w**estern **O**hio **S**ynod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

—John 20:29

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*A question to ask as you read: **What happens in these first days after the resurrection?***

|           |               |                                     |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | John 20:19-31 | The Disciples Believe the Good News |
| Monday    | John 21:1-14  | Jesus on the Seashore               |
| Tuesday   | John 21:15-19 | Care for My Sheep                   |
| Wednesday | Acts 1:6-11   | Jesus' Ascension                    |
| Thursday  | Acts 2:22-36  | Peter's Sermon about Jesus          |
| Friday    | Acts 2:37-47  | Life in the First Church            |
| Saturday  | Acts 8:1b-3   | Saul Persecutes the Church          |
| Sunday    | Acts 9:1-19a  | Saul's Conversion                   |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Think of someone who struggles and doubts about faith. Find a way to share the love of Jesus with them by baking them cookies, writing them a note, or by going for a walk with them. Actions often speak louder than words.

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