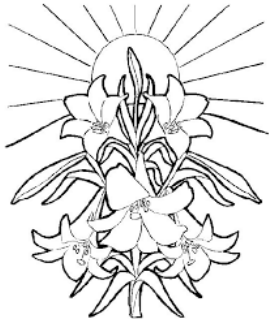


Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 12, 2026

*Abiding Hope Lutheran Church
a Loving Family, Growing In Faith,
Sharing the Hope of Christ...*

Rev. Karen Parsh, Pastor
Sheryl Williams, Coordinator of Music



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

WELCOME

We invite you to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

(please silence your cell phone)

PRELUDE ~ We Have Seen the Risen Lord S. Pethel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God

Please Stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.


Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**


Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *He is Exalted*

VERSE




He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!


CHORUS

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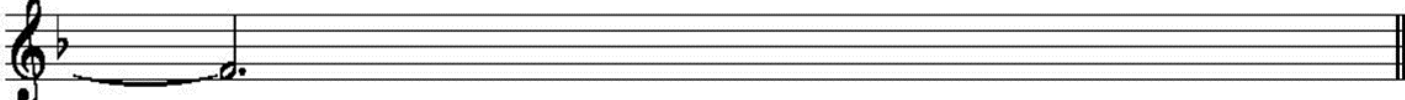


He is the Lord for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re -

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joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high! _____



GREETING

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



HYMN of PRAISE ~ Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



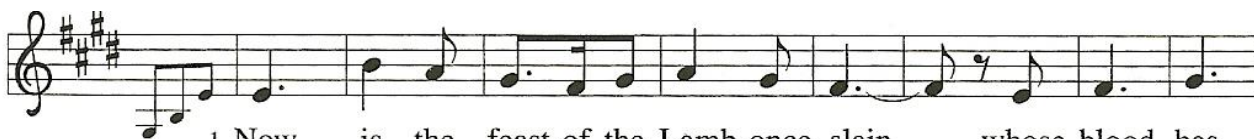
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo-ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER of the DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let's Pray Together **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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 16 Sung Responsively Tone 1

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 up on my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who hold 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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand

HYMN of DAY ~ WOV 675 *We Walk By Faith*

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.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

To each petition, Merciful God. Please respond: receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY & PRESENTATION of GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ~ Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Please stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING at the TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Please stand

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.... Amen.

INVITATION to COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB of GOD vs. 1. 4. 5.



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



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



5. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Come Touch* and Instrumental Meditation



Come touch His heal - ing hands, come touch His wound - ed side; And



feel the love that waits, like a bride - groom for the bride. Come touch His heal - ing hands, come

Fine



touch His wound - ed side; And feel the love that's giv - ing bro - ken hearts new life.

D.S. al Fine



Out - stretched arms, wait - ing for you, Love's em - brace, al - ways. Come

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our † Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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*This week the sanctuary flowers,
given to the glory of God, are in Memory and Celebration
of Leroy and Charlotte Doehrel on their 76th Wedding Anniversary*

Please keep in your prayers: The Family & Friends of Kathy Cirillo. **Also:** Cindy & Rich Filson, Jerry Vogt, Dale & Delores Mayhue, Jane Penna, Bill & Sharron Sontheimer, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Pastor Karen Parsh, Dolly Pacileo, Carl Larese, Peggy Kaeberlein, Christine Petrone, Darcée & Fred Anthony, Ava Whitely, Ed Whitbred, Matt, Carolyn & Elliott Marriotti, Josh, Adrianna, Titus, Jackie Seib, Dick & Diana Stoker, Christina Sontheimer, Leslie Gallagher-Kelly & Michele Rion & Sue, Harry & Susan Speakman, Candy & Arch Watkins, Kathy Sinnott, Maury & Linda Allen, Damian & Marcia Santabene, Don & Donna Holder and Little Library visitors.

Sunday, April 12: Choir: 9a, Worship: 930a, Bible Study: 11a, Zoom Bible: 7p

Wednesday April 15: Prayer Warriors 1-3p for silent intercessory prayer. The Sanctuary and Quiet Room are open for your use.

Wednesday April 15: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.

Drawing on the theology of **Fred Rogers**, this video highlights a vision of Christian life rooted in dignity, gentleness, truth-telling, and love of neighbor. **All are Welcome. Fellowship Hall – 7p.**

Wednesday, April 15: Men’s Night Out @ Noodles and More – 6:30p. Sign-up sheet (by 4/13) in narthex or just show up

Thursday, April 16: Share & Care @ 1p. All are welcome to join this gathering for **meaningful discussions about God, Daily Life & Life Eternal**

Thursday April 16: Ladies Night @ Madeline’s – 5:30p. Please **RSVP by 4/13.** Sign up sheet in narthex...indicate if you need a ride.

Sunday, April 19: Choir: 9a & 10:45a - Bible Study: 11:00a

Monday April 20: Pastor Karen’s shoulder surgery, Pittsburgh.

Monday, April 20: Prayer Shawl Ladies, 10a. Prayer, good conversation, and knitting for the homebound. **Showing “how to” offered! All are welcome.**

Saturday, April 25: Lutherlyn Spring Clean-Up Day, 8:45am-4p. If planning to attend and for additional information. Call the Development Office @ **724-865-2161**

Holy Trinity Lutheran needs donations for the four meals they serve per week.

Food Items: cans of corn, green beans; egg noodles, spaghetti; diced tomatoes, cream of chicken or mushroom soup; cans of chicken, cans of tuna in water.

Donations until 5/01. Mark a box or bag Holy Trinity. Place in **Heritage Room.**

KAFP April Food Drive: Cereal. Basket in **Heritage Room.**

Little Library/Pantry: Thanks to the generosity of our members, we **currently do not need** books or snacks.

Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers needed to help build homes – 2,4,8 hr. shifts.

If interested please **call Wendy Bowen, 814-454-7025 x21.**

Office Hours: Mon. & Tue, 930a-330p. Wed., 930a-1230p. For immediate pastoral needs, **Saturday-Thursday**, call **Pastor Karen, 814-881-3266.** **Friday**, please contact **Rick Penn, 814-737-9974.**

Worship Leaders ~ April 12, 2026

Videographer	Andy Saska
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Communion Cups	John Holmberg
Communion Tray	Lois Kuhns
Presenter	Linda Allen
Presenter	Diana Stoker
Usher	Andy Saska
Usher	Jay Zeimet
Counters	Lois & Analee