

Announcements

THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor: Pastor: Rev. Dr. Denise Arnold
Music: Linda Monahan
Coffee Hour: Paula Zerby
Flowers: Jane Vaughn
Communion Asst.: Boyd Burns
Reader: Deborah Burns
Greeter:
Sunday School: Carol Rife

Next week

Rev. Elten Zerby
Jan Thompson
Deborah Burns
Carol Rife
Carol Rife
RJ Cruz
Deborah Burns

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Jane Vaughn.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 14th – Sit & Be Fit – 10:30 Fellowship Hall.

Apr 16th – CCC at 9am.

Apr 19th – Bible Study with Elten - after coffee hour -11:00.

Apr 21st – Sit & Be Fit – 10:30 Fellowship Hall.

Apr 26th – Bible Study with Elten - after coffee hour -11:00.

Apr 28th – Sit & Be Fit – 10:30 Fellowship Hall.

Apr 29th – Barbara Baker is playing at Teri’s Restaurant – Longview - 6-8 pm.

Reservations recommended.

May 3rd – Bible Study with Elten - after coffee hour -11:00.

May 3rd – Council Meeting – after service.

May 5th – Sit & Be Fit – 10:30 Fellowship Hall.

May 6th & 7th – FISH – Please bring (soups, canned veggies) list of needed items by Fish room.

Adult Education Class Coming Soon!

“Ancient Superpowers and how they shaped the Biblical narrative”

Classes are offered at 11:00 am on Sundays April 19 through May 24.
See familiar Bible Stories in a whole new light. - Elten Zerby, Instructor

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Sunday, April 12, 2026



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen, **Christ is risen indeed.**

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

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

We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all,

who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *This is my Father's World* (ELW 829)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone,
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to sec.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

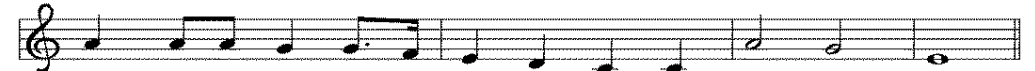


church gath - ered to - day.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



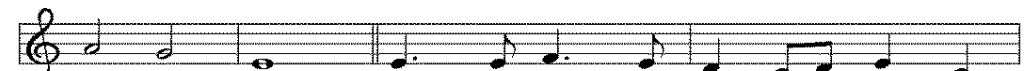
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 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.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Peter.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16:1-11

¹Protect 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 upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take names of their gods upon my lips.**

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

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

DIALOGUE

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

SANCTUS - Verse 1 only

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



GREAT THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace *Prayer of St. Francis*

1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,
Last time to coda ☩

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so
much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be
un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be
D.C. (stanza 4) al coda
loved as to love with all my soul.

☩ *Coda*
ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

⁸I have set the LORD al-ways before me; because he is at my right hand, shall not fall.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Holy, Holy, are you Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy, are you Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked 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, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

COMMUNITY/CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)

CREED

**I believe in the God of Easter morning
Who awakes us from our darkest dreams
And leads us into the light of a new day,
Who meets our pessimism
With stunning hope
Of angelic proclamation.**

**I believe in the God of Easter Day
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives
And empties the dark tomb for us;
Who appears in surprising ways
When we least expect it;
Walking with us
On our detours.**

**I believe in the God of Easter evening
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.**

**I believe in the risen Lord who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet;
Who grants us his spirit,
Sending us out
To bring Shalom to the world.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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