

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Grant Dusso

Acolyte—Jacob Wallendal
Assisting Minister—George Lisensky
Communion Assistants—Bev Spangenberg and Terry Amundson
Communion Prep—Lisa Albert
Lector—Skip Rath
Greeters—Richard and Mary Lou Lokken
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Rich Olmstead, and Darryl Schutte
Musicians—Jacob Wallendal and Callie Parker

INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87 (in the front of the hymnal).

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

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

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.

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

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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

We Walk by Faith—ELW 635



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 - jice, 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.

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GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

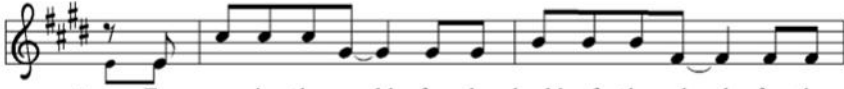
Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

L: A reading from Acts.

^{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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16

L: We read Psalm 16 responsively:

¹ Protect me, O God, for 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 LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

L: A reading from First Peter.

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah—ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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 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 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Questioning Our Faith

Pastor Anne Andert

May the risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your fears with boldness, and your sadness with joy. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia—ELW 364:1,4,5



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly king.



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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

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

A brief silence.

A: God of new life and new beginnings, We are your Easter people living in the hope of resurrection. Still, we live in a world that is filled with struggles.

Give your church a sure and certain hope that overcomes doubt and fear. Fill us with the peace of Christ so that our lives proclaim your forgiveness and life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for the outreach ministries of Our Savior's, and for ministries of outreach and compassion in our community: for the good work of Second Harvest Foodbank, Vets Roll and of Caritas. Strengthen this congregation to sing songs of hope and promise. May we be messengers of Easter hope to those in need by our word and deed, bringing restoration and justice to this hurting world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of peace, in every place and corner 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. Give all of us the eyes to recognize where new life and possibilities surround us. We pray for those who are serving in the military, that your hand might protect them. We pray for military families and the extra burdens and fear they carry right now. Around the world, wherever there is darkness, let your light still shine in hope. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You who are the Great Physician, we pray for all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, as well as those who love or care for them. Hear the names of the dear ones we bring before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Sustain them with your loving care. Grant healing, companionship, and hope to all who live in fear. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: 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. In resurrection hope, we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Please be seated.

OFFERING

For online giving, simply scan QR code:

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.



ANTHEM

Touch That Soothes and Heals

(See My Hands and Feet)

-Bringle/DeMay

-arr. Keesecker

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

For the Bread Which You Have Broken—ELW 494:1,2



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.

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OFFERING PRAYER

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,

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray... 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.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go Now With God



1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger go now with God,
 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 4 Cross - ing ev - ry bound'ry, ev - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,



go now, go now with God.



Go now, go now, go now with God.

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DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace to reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES

A special thank you to everyone who donated beautiful lilies to adorn the altar for Easter. If you would like to take your plant home, please do so today. We kindly ask that you leave the clear plastic drip trays so they may be reused. Thank you!

LUTHERDALE CAMPERSHIPS

We are pleased to offer camperships to help cover the cost of camp! Register your student for a week of camp at Lutherdale's website lutherdale.org, submit the deposit, and turn in your campership application to Molly Rosenbloom or the church office by April 20.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is proud and blessed to offer scholarships for students who will be enrolled in postsecondary education during the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are now available - visit www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/scholarships for all of the details. **The application deadline is April 27, 2026.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 608-362-0716.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—Check your calendar and let's plan ahead!

Please contact Jean Lincoln (jean@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org) via email by **TODAY, Sunday, April 12** if you are unable to serve on any Sundays between May and August.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT—Sunday, April 19 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Sign up today for a fun afternoon of playing cards and building community. Finger foods will be served. Sign up sheet posted in the Commons!

CAMP SUNDAY

Get ready to bring the joy and spirit of camp to Our Savior's! Join us for Camp Sunday on **April 26**, featuring camp-style worship, lively music, and inspiring stories. We'll welcome Grace Crevier, Youth & Young Adult Program Director from Lutherdale, and gather for a special coffee hour. Don't miss it!

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube. Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	April 12	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Kids Connect Coffee Hour Youth Connect Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	April 13	5:30pm	Naomi Circle
Tuesday	April 14	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Staff Meeting Text Study Boy Scouts Anna Circle
Wednesday	April 15	9:00am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Newsletter Deadline Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) WELCA Salad Luncheon Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Thursday	April 16	4:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm	WELCA Board Personnel (Zoom) OA
Sunday	April 19	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:45am 11:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Kids Connect Coffee Hour Joyous Sound Euchre Tournament Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

STAY CONNECTED

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SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- Luke 24:13-35

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Wednesday, April 15

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