

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 9:30AM



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ,  
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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### Prelude Welcome

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

*Please stand as you are able*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

. . . Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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. . . Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

. . . now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #384

### 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** This is the Feast p 149

### Prayer

. . . one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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

**Reading** Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 p 992

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** Hallelujah Jesus Lives Choir

**Reading** 1 Peter 1:3-9 p 1103

The word of the Lord.

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### Children's Message

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.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 20.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 20:19-31**

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## Response to Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon

**Pr. Wade Crevier**

**Silence for Meditation** *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

*Please stand as you are able*

## Message Response

**"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

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## Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 Intercession**

Petition Response: **receive our prayer.**

. . . through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offerings** Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

### **Presentation of Gifts**

### **"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" v.1 #367**

Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that still a-bounds:  
"Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and clear!  
Re-peat their song of glo-ry here: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!"  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### **Offering Prayer**

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.**

### **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.**

. . . and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

## Words of Promise

### 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. 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.**

*Please be seated*

**Communion** All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

### Communion Hymns

**"We Walk by Faith"**

**#635**

**"Be Not Afraid" x4**

**#388**

**"Now the Green Blade Rises"**

**#379**

*Please stand as you are able*

### Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . . In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

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

### Blessing

. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

### Bell Toll

### Sending Hymn

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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### Worship Leaders

Aiden Hill—Livestream

Ron & Joyce Splan--Ushers/Greeters

Jameson Dredske & Eli Ward—Acolytes

Julie Peterson—Communion Assistant

Ron Splan—Reader

Steve Mentele—Choir Director

Robin Hoefler—Pianist

Wade Crevier—Pastor

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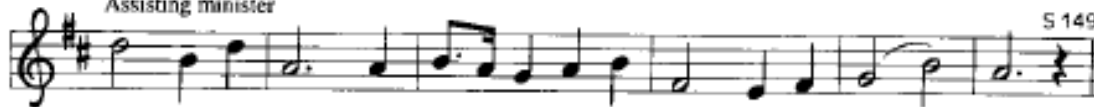
1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tile - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, so 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!

*refrain*  
Assisting minister

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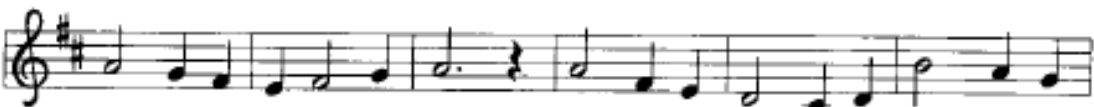


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

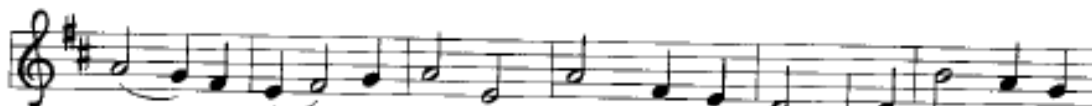
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

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## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

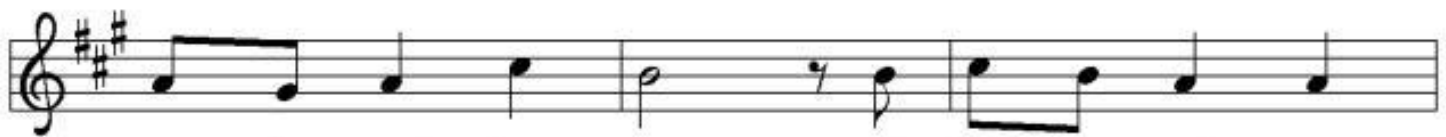


prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

# 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 - 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.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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# Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score is identical to the first, featuring the same vocal melody and bass accompaniment for the lyrics: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!".

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea,  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## Announcements for April 12, 2026

**Welcome!** We are happy you are here today!

**NOTE:** This worship service is being livestreamed.

- **Families:** It is our hope that you will find a comfortable way to worship at JP. There are activity bags in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. There is also a large pew area, "Prayground", on the righthand side of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit, that is available for families to use.
- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

**Keep in prayer:** June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's sister), Barb Grenawalt, Hannah Hahn, Derek Lindstrom, Cookie Martinson, Trevor Olson, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane), Don Seeger, Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy **Please contact Pastor Wade with any changes in requests.**

- Take a moment to pause and look around at your brothers and sisters in Christ. It was beautiful to see how you lifted the Torkilson Family this week. The parking lot was buzzing with people in and out. Phone calls and emails came in, asking to help. **The Holy Spirit was leading and you heeded the call.** For those of you who process through song I recommend "I Speak Jesus" by Charity Gayle or "Build Your Kingdom Here" by Rend Collective.
- God's Global Barnyard banks may be turned in until Sunday April 19th. Make checks out to ELCA with "pig" in the memo line.
- **Adopt a Highway Roadside Clean-up is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am..**
- **Wednesday, April 15 5:30pm-6:30pm** Neighborhood Dinner Pasta Party. Sign-up in the Connecting Room to RSVP or supply food.
- Is it Spring yet? Maybe not, but it really is coming! When you finally decide that it's time to move your **winter coats** out of the closet - consider bringing them to church. Any winter gear collected at church will be stored until fall and given back to the community through Clinton First Presbyterian's winter clothing giveaway. Please leave your winter gear donations on the coat rack, in the area marked DONATIONS.
- In April, Jefferson Prairie will be collecting items for **Salvation Army hygiene kits:** soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and razors. These kits help maintain dignity and health to homeless individuals, disaster survivors, and families in need. **Donations of any of these items can be left on the coat rack, in the area marked DONATIONS.**

**Sharing Your Offering:** Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering. **\*Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary. **\*Give online** at [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org). Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly. **\*Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**Online worship** available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org) homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

### This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 12	9:30am	Worship
	after	Youth Music/Sunday School/Youth Group Fellowship
	11:00am	Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Clean-up (4/26 rain date)
Tuesday, April 14	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday, April 15	3:00pm	Bible Study
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Neighborhood Dinner: Pasta Party
	6:30pm	Confirmation
Friday, April 17	3:30pm	Bells
Sunday, April 19	CAMP SUNDAY	
	9:30am	Worship with Baptism
	after	Confirmation Camp Meeting
		Youth Music/Sunday School/Fellowship