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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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**+ Order of Worship +
Vajda Hymn Service
April 19, 2026**

Ringling of the Bells & Greeting

Opening Hymn #812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.

2 “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “For He was slain for us!”

3 Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow’r divine; And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

4 Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name Of Him who sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb.

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Kyrie (LSB #744 Amazing Grace, or LSB #524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds)

**Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word, For your amazing grace.**

Gloria (tune LSB #380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)

**Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high! "
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race, God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws, God of wisdom, power, and love, God of gods, all gods above. Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"**

Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)



U J O W H I D P E K A V N D Z
 G K U T D L O V E D S N I T D
 E N R R I B V A T C A A C E Z
 T I F F N S A G R A H Y O A G
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 V H J G E I D I T V V W E H H
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 M J E S U S T N I G H T I W B
 F A I C Y E S P I R I T K P G

BIRTH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	NIGHT	JEWISH
PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

Angels, sing, and earth, reply: Glory be to God on high! "God who saw your creatures fall, Loved them still, and loved them all, Gave your only Son to prove What is mercy, what is love; And the Spirit, given free, Recreates your family. Angels, sing, and earth, reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴PPeter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was fore-known before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

This Week at Grace Lutheran +

- Sun, April 19: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am**
Fish Boil at 11:00 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm
- Mon, April 20: Bible Study at 9:30 am**
- Weds, April 22: Last Confirmation / Grace kids at 6:00 pm**
- Frid, April 24: Fellowship Hall reserved**
- Sat, April 25: Fellowship Hall reserved**
- Sun, April 26: Worship Service at 9:00 am**
Education Hour at 11:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Those Serving Us this Week

April 19, 2026

- Elders:** Allyn Anderson / Tony Heisterkamp
Ushers: Mark H / Ryan Z / Gene P
Reader: Ryan Zittritsch
Trustee: Ray Eickholt
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Ushers

Those Serving us Next Week

April 26, 2026

- Elders:** Allyn Anderson / Tony Heisterkamp
Ushers: Mark H / Ryan Z / Gene P
Reader: Ryan Zittritsch
Trustee: Ricky Harris
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Ushers

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Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: #821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
 Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us;
 Faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received Him
 When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget His promise:
 "I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
 Here on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluia! Here the sinful
 Flee to You from day to day.
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
 Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
 Where the songs of all the sinless
 Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
 Lord omnipotent we own;
 Alleluia! Born of Mary,
 Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
 As within the veil You entered,
 Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
 Here on earth both priest and victim
 In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

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Sermon "Born Again! Is That Lutheran?" 1 Peter 1:17-25

Bettiemae Janssen and Tylen Ostermyer. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this big step. Light refreshments will be served after church in honor of them. All are welcome!

Reflection: April 19, 2026-3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: "And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight."— Luke 24:31

Stewardship Sentence: As the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread, we recognize Him in acts of generosity that open hearts and bring hope.

Thrivent: New Choice Dollars of the 1st quarter of 2026 should be available for you to direct about April 6, 2026. To direct your choice dollars call the home office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com

Portal of Prayers: The April thru June devotionals are here. You can find them on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please help your self.

Noisy Sunday update: We raised \$1,178.91 through our coins, bills, and checks! Great Job Grace family!! The money was deposited in the Grace emergency fund.

Calling all Seniors: If you are graduating from Hight School or college we want to recognize you. Please call the office or talk with Melinda Schwartz. We will be honoring you Sunday May 17 during worship. Come with your caps and gowns and sit together . There will be a short reception after Worship.

Bulletin Announcement for April 19, 2026

Building Healthy Families: Many of the challenges we face today as individuals, couples, or families are made worse by economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult for available dollars to last to the next paycheck. Here's an important message: Don't ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS for support! A growing number of LCMS people are making monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can

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Don't Have Cash Today? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift.

Visitors: You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with. to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

Holy Communion: If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine.

On Main Street: April 26, 2026

This is the Life – "Song of the Night" – A son's accident causes his family to question everything.

Worship Service – Rev. John Rasmussen of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE, delivers the message, "Hope in Despair" based on Isaiah 40:27-31. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil : It is today so come and enjoy the fish boil. This is a free will offering and all proceeds goes directly to Orphan Grain Train. Hours are 11:00 am to 1:00pm or until gone. Please come out and support this great organization.

Sunday April 26: is Confirmation Sunday and we have 4 young people getting confirmed. Brayson Zittrisch, Ralayna Bainbridge,

Confession of Faith (tune LSB #802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, or LSB #480 He's Risen, He's Risen)

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.
Almighty, all knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Sanctus (tune #507 Holy, Holy, Holy)

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne; "Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore you; God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

Agnus Dei (tune #702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee, or LSB #965
God Bless Our Native Land)

**Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God, You bore the sinners' load
To buy our peace: Now risen and enthroned, With life and
glory crowned, To all the lost and found Please grant your
peace.**

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymns: 633, 478, 488

Blessing of Those Who Communed

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Amen.

Benediction

Amen.

Closing Hymn #352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
- 2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,

Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.

- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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