

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 26, 2026 9:30am



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

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

Announcements for April 26, 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, Michael Schwark (Brett's friend), Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy
Please contact Pastor Wade with any changes in requests.

- We received \$894.02 for God's Global Barnyard. Sunday school children will be choosing what and how many animals we will be donating funds for.
- **Jefferson Prairie is hosting Family Promise dinner on Wednesday, April 29. If you are interested in serving dinner on that evening 5:30PM-7PM, please see the sign up in the Connecting Room.**
- **Stewardship & Finance Committee** is going to pass along information concerning our income and expenses each month after the books have been completed. For the month of March, our income was \$25,047.35 and our expenses were \$15,422.98. This puts our total general fund year to date balance ahead by \$4,515.10.
- **Prairie Light newsletters** are available in back for those that have them printed.
- Is it Spring yet? When you finally decide that it's time to move your **winter coats** out of the closet - consider bringing them to church. 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.**
- **Norwegian Neighborhood Meal** will be **SUNDAY May 17 from 5:30pm-6:30pm.** Please note day change. Sign up to help with goodies and time will be available soon.

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. 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 homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 26	9:00am	Youth Music Practice
	9:30am	Worship with Bells & Children's Offering
	after	Youth Music/Sunday School/Youth Group/Fellowship
Roadside Clean-Up		
Tuesday, April 28	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday, April 29	3:00pm	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Confirmation
Friday, May 1	3:30pm	Bell choir practice
Sunday, May 3	9:30am	Worship
	after	Church Spring clean up

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 9:30am

**Prelude
Welcome**

Handbells

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.

. . . Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

. . . Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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

Gathering Hymn

"O Christ, Our Hope"

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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

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Prayer

. . . one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

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

Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Children's Song

"I Am a C"

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 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:1-10

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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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764

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 unsee**

**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

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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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	#807
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"	#484
"I Come With Joy"	#482

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

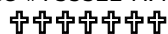
"What a Fellowship, What A Joy Divine" #774

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Leaders

Terry Pearson—Livestream

Terry & Loretta Williams--Ushers/Greeters

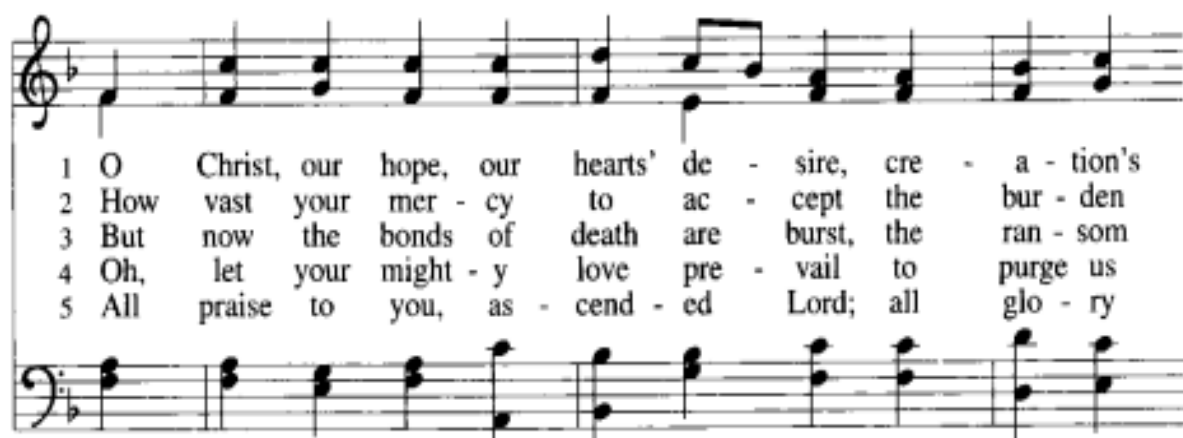
Eli Ward—Acolyte

Stephanie Schneider—Reader

Robin Hoefler—Bell Choir Director, Pianist

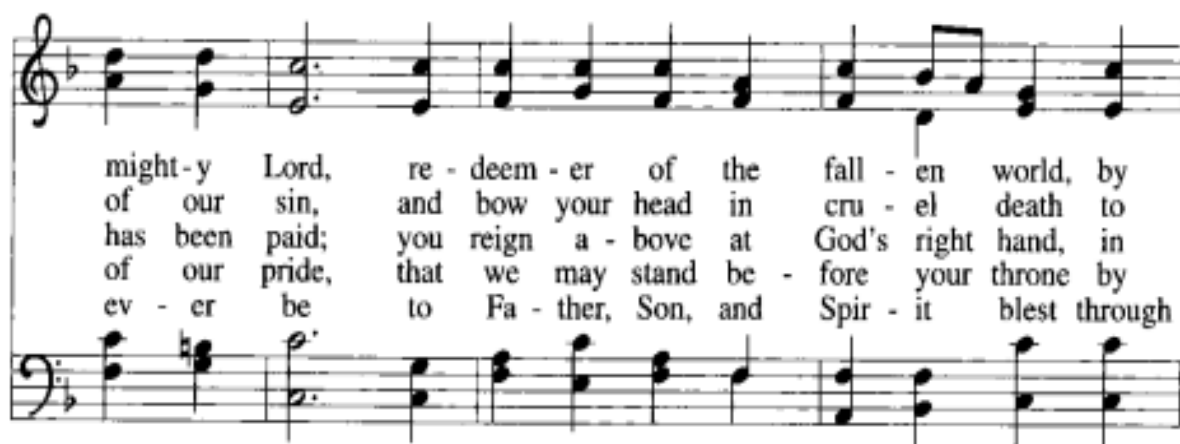
Wade Crevier—Pastor

O Christ, Our Hope

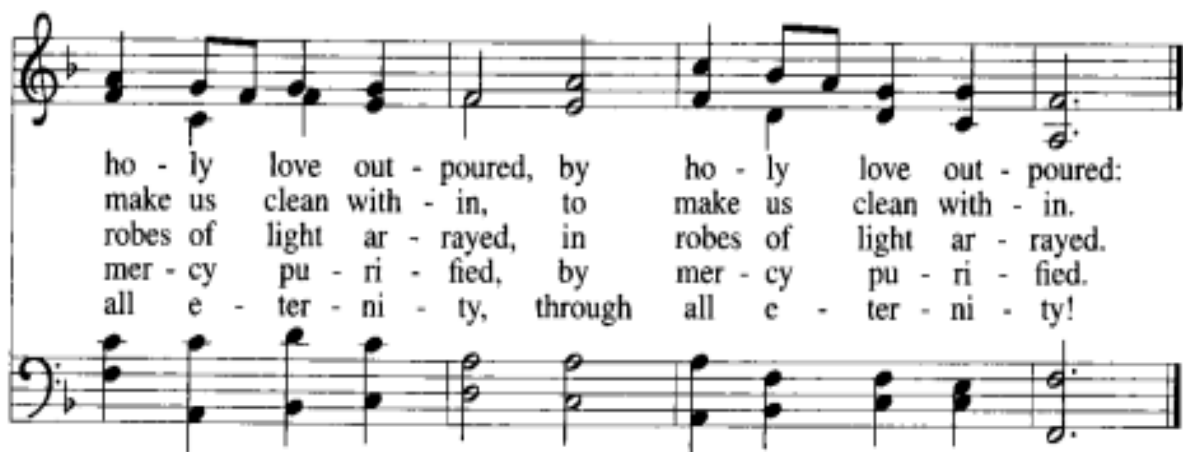


1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

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Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

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Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell;
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996

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BICENTENNIAL

CM and refrain

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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms


- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.


Refrain


Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,