



ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
Turn off phones or silence them.

And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free & regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.

PRELUDE

A Chord with the Lord Youth Choir
"Rescue" - INGRAM, DAIGLE, MABURY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

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 especially Lake Michigan.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

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.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG Hymn #789 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow sheet)

PLEASE BE SEATED

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Chord with the Lord Youth Choir

“Beautiful Things” - Gungor

WORD (see yellow insert)

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

KIDS CONNECTION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to St. John the 10th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hymn #780 “Shepherd Me, O God”*

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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

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 Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adult Choir

"If You Love Me" - MARK PATTERSON

*If you love me, keep my commandments. If you trust me, live in faith,
and the Father will send you the Spirit of truth and the Spirit will show you the way.*

*The world will not understand the ways of the lord. They do not trust him, they do not seek him, they do not know him at all.
But you know the Spirit of the living God lives in you and will be with you both now and forever.*

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERING HYMN Hymn #385 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" vs. 1, 4

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

PROPER PREFACE It is indeed right [...] join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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,

Amen.

BLESSING

Like the women at the tomb on Easter morning, may the resurrected Christ awaken you with curiosity, bless you with hope, and send you out into the world full of new life.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Hymn #502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

DISMISSAL

We are God's People. Followers of Jesus Christ.

Gifted by the Spirit. Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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