

**The Second Sunday Of Easter  
April 12, 2026  
Heritage Lutheran Church  
Apple Valley, MN  
9:00 a.m.**



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**1. Welcome**

**2. The Confession Of Sin**

**Pastor** Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Congregation** Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

*Absolution*

**Pastor** The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** Amen.

**3. Opening Hymn #361 "Faith Is A Living Power"**

1 Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n  
That grasps the promise God hath giv'n,  
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown,  
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

2 Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need  
To save or strengthen us indeed,  
Receives the grace He sends us down,  
And makes us share His cross and crown.

3 Faith in the conscience worketh peace,  
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;  
By faith the children's place we claim  
And give all honor to one Name.

4 Faith feels the Spirit's kindling breath  
In love and hope that conquer death;  
Faith worketh hourly joy in God  
And trusts and blesses e'en the rod.

5 We thank Thee, then, O God of heav'n,  
That Thou to us this faith hast giv'n  
In Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who is  
Our only fount and source of bliss.

6 And from His fullness grant each soul  
The rightful faith's true end and goal:  
The blessedness no foes destroy,  
Eternal love, and light, and joy.

#### 4. Opening Versicles

**Pastor** O Lord, open my lips.

♪ **Congregation** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**Pastor** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

♪ **Congregation** Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.

#### 5. The Invitatory and Venite (*Psalm 95*)

**Pastor** Oh come, let us worship the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** For He is our Maker.

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture

and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

#### 6. Hymn #364 "O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink"

1 O for a faith that will not shrink,  
Though pressed by many a foe,  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of any earthly woe,

2 That will not murmur nor complain  
Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain  
Will lean upon its God.

3 A faith that shines more bright and clear  
When tempests rage without,  
That, when in danger, knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt,

4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown,  
Nor heeds its scornful smile,  
That seas of trouble cannot drown,  
Nor Satan's arts beguile,

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way  
Till life's last hour is fled  
And with a pure and heav'nly ray  
Lights up a dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en here the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

#### **7. Psalm 105:1-7 (read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

<sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

<sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

#### **8. Old Testament Lesson Acts 2:14a,22-32**

<sup>14a</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

#### **9. The Epistle 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

#### 10. The Gospel *John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Pastor** O Lord, have mercy upon us!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

#### 11. Children's Message

#### 12. Sermon Hymn #366 "Ye Sons And Daughters Of The King" (verses 1-5)

1 Ye sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 On that first morning of the week,  
Before the day began to break,  
The Marys went their Lord to seek.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 An angel bade their sorrow flee,  
For thus he spake unto the three:  
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee":  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 That night th'Apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear  
And said: "Peace be unto you here."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,  
He doubted if it were the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### 13. Sermon – “From Fear To Faith” *John 20:19-31*

### 14. Hymn #366 “Ye Sons And Daughters Of The King” (verses 6-10)

6 "Thomas, behold My side," saith He,  
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;  
"And doubt not, but believe in Me."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 Blessed are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith hath constant been,  
In life eternal they shall reign:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

10 And we with Holy Church, unite,  
As evermore is just and right,  
In glory to the King of light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### 15. The Offering

### 16. Te Deum Laudamus *pg. 114*

♫ **Congregation** We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth worships You, the Father ev-er last-ing.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there-in;  
To You cherubim and seraphim con-tin-ual-ly do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glo-ry.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise You.  
The noble army of martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world does ac-know-ledge You:  
The father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and on-ly Son;  
also the Holy Spirit, the Com-for-ter.  
You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Fa-ther.  
When You took upon Yourself to de-liv-er man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir-gin.  
When You had overcome the sharp-ness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev-ers.  
You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fath-er.  
We believe that You will come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray You, help Your ser-vants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your pre-cious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory ev-er-last-ing.  
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her-i-tage.  
Govern them and lift them up for-ev-er.  
Day by day we magni-fy You.  
And we worship Your name now and ev-er-more.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up-on us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You I have trusted; let me never be con-found-ed.

## 17. Prayers

**The Kyrie** Sung by All

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**The Lord's Prayer** Sung by All

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.

**The Collect**

**Pastor** Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

## 18. Benedicamus & Benediction

**Pastor** Let us bless the Lord!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God!

**Pastor** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

## 19. Benediction Hymn #363 "Thou Art The Way"

1 Thou art the Way; to Thee alone From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone True wisdom can impart.  
Thou only canst inform the mind And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life; the rending tomb Proclaims Thy conqu'ring arm,  
And those who put their trust in Thee Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; Grant us that Way to know,  
That Truth to keep, that Life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

## Announcements

**Women's Bible Study** – The Monday night Women's Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ruth for more information.

**Men's Bible Study** – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Fellowship** - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**Choir** – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. New members are always welcome.

**Cleaning Schedule** – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

**Budget Update** – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of February. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$215,006	\$222,069	(\$7,063)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$18,546	21,411	(\$2,865)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Member Giving</b>	<b>\$293,269</b>	<b>\$243,480</b>	<b>\$49,789</b>	<b>\$392,117</b>

**Adopt-A-Garden** – Please watch for a sign-up sheet for the many areas around the church property that need weeding, trimming, mulching, etc.



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