

**The Third Sunday In Easter  
April 19, 2026  
Heritage Lutheran Church  
Apple Valley, MN  
9:00 a.m.**



The Order of Service: Rite 1 with Communion ELH page 41

**1. Welcome**

**2. Opening Prayer**

**Pastor** O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

**3. Opening Hymn #12 "Come Thou Almighty King"**

1 Come, Thou Almighty King; Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise.

Father all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of days.

2 Jesus, our Lord, descend; From all our foes defend,  
Nor let us fall;

Let Thine almighty aid Our sure defense be made: Our souls on Thee be stayed;  
Lord, hear our call.

3 Come, thou Incarnate Word; Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our pray'r attend.

Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success; Spirit of Holiness,  
On us descend.

4 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

5 To the great One in Three Eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore!  
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity  
Love and adore.

#### 4. Confession of Sins

**Pastor** Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins:

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### 5. The Kyrie Eleison

**¶ Congregation** O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God, the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

#### 6. The Absolution

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

#### 7. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Glory to God in the highest*) page 44

**Pastor** Glory be to God in the highest

**¶ Congregation** And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

#### 8. The Salutation

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

**¶ Congregation** And with your spirit.

#### 9. The Collect

**Pastor** Let us pray: O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world: Grant to Your faithful people perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**¶ Congregation** Amen.

#### 10. The Lesson – Acts 2:14a, 36-47

<sup>14a</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> 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?” <sup>38</sup> And 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. <sup>39</sup> For 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." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**11. Psalm 16 (read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

**12. The Epistle – 1 Peter 1:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> And if 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, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who 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.

**13. The Gradual Hymn #563 "Abide With Us, The Day Is Waning"**

1 Abide with us, the day is waning;  
Thus prayed the two while on the way.  
We read that Thou, O Lord, remaining,  
Didst all their doubts and fears allay.  
Incline Thine ear, Thou King of grace,  
When, praying thus, we seek Thy face.

2 At eventide, Thy Spirit sending,  
Help us, O Lord, our watch to keep,  
In prayer devout, before Thee bending,  
Ere our eyelids close in sleep,  
Confessing sin in deed and word  
With hope of mercy from the Lord.

3 Abide with us; with heav'nly gladness  
Illumine, Lord, our darkest day;  
And when we weep in pain and sadness,  
Be Thou our solace, strength, and stay.  
Tell of Thy woe, Thy vict'ry won,  
When Thou didst pray: "God's will be done."

4 Abide with us, O Savior tender,  
That bitter day when life shall end,  
When to the grave we must surrender,  
And fear and pain our hearts shall rend.  
The shield of faith do Thou bestow  
When trembling we must meet the foe.

5 When earthly help no more availeth,  
To sup with us Thou wilt be nigh;  
Thou givest strength that never faileth,  
In Thee we grave and death defy.  
While earth is fading from our sight,  
Our eyes behold the realms of light.

#### **14. The Holy Gospel – Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then 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?" <sup>19</sup> And 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, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and 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. <sup>24</sup> Some 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." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but 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. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They 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?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Pastor** This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

♪ **Congregation** God be praised for His glad tidings.

## 15. The Nicene Creed

**Congregation** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

## 16. Chief Hymn #432 “Jesus Thy Blood And Righteousness” (Tune: St. Crispin ELH 403) (verses 1-5,8)

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
For who ought to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,  
Who from the Father's bosom came,  
Who died for me, e'en me to atone,  
Now for my Lord and God I own.

4 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Forever doth for sinners plead,  
For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.

5 Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

8 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

## 17. Sermon “Anchor Your Confidence In God” 1 Peter 1:17-21

## 18. The Prayers and The Apostolic Benediction

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

## 19. The Offering

**20. Communion Hymn – Heritage Choir “The Lamb” Gerald Patrick Coleman**

*The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.*

*The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.*

*The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.  
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.*

*He signs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He give me His own righteousness.  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.*

*He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong ‘Till every heart to Him belong.  
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.*

**The Service Of Holy Communion**

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord’s Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

**21. The Preface** (Introduction to the Holy Communion)

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

**Pastor** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**22. The Sanctus** (Latin, “Holy”)

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**23. 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.

## 24. The Words of Institution

**Pastor** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## 25. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

## 26. The Distribution

### 27. Distribution Hymns

#### #329 "The Death Of Jesus Christ Our Lord" (verses 1-6)

1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

2 He blotted out with His own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
He full atonement for us made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.

3 That this is now and ever true  
He gives an earnest ever new:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

4 His Word proclaims, and we believe.  
That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,--  
It never fails us in our need--  
A heav'nly manna for our soul  
Until we safely reach our goal.

6 O blest is each believing guest  
Who in this promise finds His rest,  
For Jesus will in love abide  
With those who do in Him confide.

#### #328 "Soul Adorn Thyself With Gladness" (verses 1-5,9)

1 Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy thy praises render  
Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded.  
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'rence greet Him,  
For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal.  
Haste to ope the gates before Him, Saying, while thou dost adore Him:  
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee.

3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us hath freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for thee riven, And His blood, for thee once given.

4 Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit!  
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing,  
In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted,  
For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.

5 In my heart I find ascending Holy awe, with rapture blending,  
As this mystery I ponder, Filling all my soul with wonder,  
Bearing witness at this hour Of the greatness of God's power;  
Far beyond all human telling Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.

9 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee.  
By Thy love I am invited, Be Thy love with love requited.  
From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Though the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

### **#316 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" (verses 1,3,5,7)**

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.

3 Whoso to this Board repairerth  
May take heed how he preparerth;  
For if he does not believe,  
Then death for life he shall receive.

5 Thou shalt hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 "Useless were for thee My Passion  
If thy works thy weal could fashion.  
This feast is not spread for thee  
If thine own savior thou wilt be."

### **#54 "Beautiful Savior"**

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## **28. The Collect**

**Pastor** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

## **29. The Benediction**

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, Amen, Amen.

## **30. Closing Hymn #283 “Glory Be To Jesus”**

1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life-blood  
From His sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments  
Did the world redeem.

4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

## **31. The Closing Prayer**

**Pastor** O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

## Announcements

**Worship Change** – The Council voted to change our second service to Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. This change will take place June 1<sup>st</sup>. The last Saturday evening service will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

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

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

**Meditations** – The meditations are available on the welcome stand.

**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 pm. 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>

**Budget Forum Meeting** – Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> after church.

**Annual Voters' Meeting** – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> after church.

