

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Easter



Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
April 5-12

Sunday	6:30am Sunrise Service at St. John's Cemetery
	9:45am Worship
Tuesday	6:00pm Growing Hope Globally Meal & Presentation
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem
Saturday	5:00pm Worship



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Offering 3/28 and 3/29	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$1,636.14	\$37,150.39
Capital Fund	\$60.00	\$3,663.80
Lenten Meals	\$214.00	\$852.95
Bruce Wold Memorial	\$1,430.00	\$1,630.00
Men's Breakfasts	\$52.00	\$434.00
Sunday School	\$100.00	\$710.99

Growing Hope Globally overseas guest from Timor Leste, Africa will be at St. John's on Tuesday, April 7th. Please join us at 6:00PM for dinner and his presentation about the impact of our work in his country. Please let Jerry or Toni Lundeen know if you plan to attend so that we can plan for the meal.

Prayer Requests		
Mary Bark	Mary Ann Hulon	Kay Nelson
Mary Carlson	Rhea Lumsden	Matt Potter
Lance Davenport	Linda Martin	Roger & Helen
Judy Erickson	Doris Miller's brother, Curt	Larry Rogers
Lee Gehrke	James Moris	Shelly
Marlyn Glover	Becky Morphey	Lynn Skryzpiec
Sharon Goode	Lonnie Murray	Lois Spizziri
Mike Hamer		Rosemary Underwood
		Jackie Wendland
		Cindy Westbrook
		Susan White

Dates to Remember		
Month	Date	Occasion
APRIL	7	GHG DINNER AND PRESENTATION
APRIL	12	SUNDAY SURPRISE SOCIAL HOUR

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: 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. Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Sunday School students release Alleluias

Gathering Hymn ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you .**

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** comes from the Book of Acts Chapter 10 verses 34-43

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: The **Second Reading** comes from Colossians Chapter 3 verses 1-4

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Matthew the 28th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 382 Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: ... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: 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,

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- P:** Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that *"In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"*

The Lord's Prayer

- P:** Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:
G: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- P:** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.
- P:** Today this community of faith rejoices with Lorelei Lynn Killey who joins in sharing the meal of Holy Communion. Lorelai and her family will be served first.
Lorelai and her family are served.
- P:** In the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of Holy Communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's work and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
- P:** Let us welcome this sister in Christ to Holy Communion.
- G:** **Welcome to the Lord's Table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

Holy Communion is served.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

- A:** 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,
- G:** **Amen.**

Blessing

- P:** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.
- G:** **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives! Vs 1-4

Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.

Dismissal

- A:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.
G: **Thanks be to God.**



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