

# Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Humor Sunday

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

*Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!*



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



**Postures** are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



**Holy Communion** is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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## *ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

## GATHERING

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**PRELUDE:** *Improvisation on Canticle of the Turning*

Arr. Amy Crousore

*The congregation rises in body or spirit.*

### **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:** 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**HYMN#365**

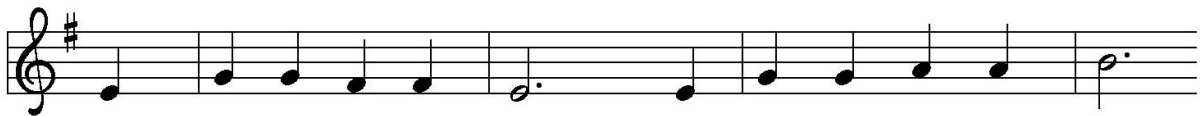
*featuring the congregational kazoos*

## 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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE:



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



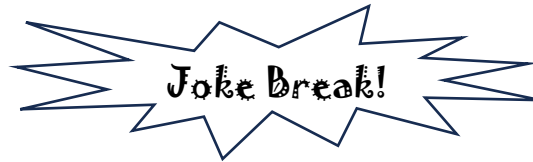
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**AM:** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*The congregation is seated.*



## WORD

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### THE FIRST READING: EXODUS 15:1-11, 19-21

<sup>1</sup> [Then] Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup> Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?" <sup>19</sup> When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 111

*The cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your | works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;  
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power | of your works  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures  
forever.**

## THE SECOND READING: ACTS 2:14a, 22-32

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

<sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation rises in body or spirit.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter:

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

### GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples

rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The congregation is seated.*



**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*The congregation rises in body or spirit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

**HYMN# 244**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

**P:** Let us join together in proclaiming 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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE**

**AM:** 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.*

**AM:** ...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.

## **PEACE**

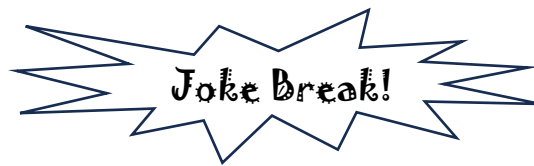
**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another, using the words of the risen Lord:  
Peace be with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

*The congregation is seated.*



## **MEAL**

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**OFFERING:** *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** *Dem Bones (Adult and Children's Choirs)* African American Spiritual,  
Arr. by Audrey Snyder

*The congregation rises in body or spirit.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**AM:** 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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, . . . .



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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** 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**

## COMMUNION

**P:** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.  
*The congregation is seated.*

*All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

### *Lamb Of God*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### *I've Got the Joy, Joy Joy*

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.

2. I've got the peace that passes understanding . . .  
3. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus . . .

### *This Little Light of Mine*

**HYMN# 677**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C:** Amen

*The congregation may stand as they are comfortable.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

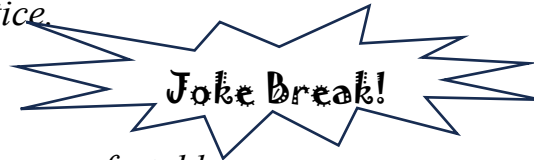
**AM:** Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**  
*The congregation is seated.*

## SENDING

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.*



*The congregation may stand as comfortable.*

### 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** *Joy to the World, the Lord's Alive* (traditional tune, see insert for text)

### DISMISSAL

**AM:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord Alleluia!

**C:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** *Improvisation on a folk tune*

Arr. Amy Crousore

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Barb Johnson in memory of her father, Harry A. Johnson on his birthday

**Those who sponsored Easter flowers, can choose and take home their flowers today. Flowers not picked up after today's worship will be planted outside in our gardens.**

<b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b>		
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie	
GREETER	Carleen Reinhardt	Debbie Schaller
USHERS	Cayce Morice	Gary Borkowski Nancy Luebke
ASSISTING MINISTER	Rick Schuessler	Carolyn Schainker
LECTOR	T. Edwards Breed	
CANTOR	Robyn Wolfsberger	
INSTRUMENTALISTS	Yeats Wolfsberger (organ), Mike Schmidt (trumpet)	
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Mary Wolfsberger	
ALTAR GUILD	Leah Morrell	
WINE	Kate Hartz	
FELLOWSHIP HOST		
CAMERA	Gary Borkowski	

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Kate Hartz:** courage and trust

**Barb Johnson:** healing and strength

**Fred Lenhart:** comfort and peace

**Margaret Lenhart:** comfort and peace

**Sharon Salerno:** healing and strength

Family and friends of **Neil Gustafson, Sue Hackman, and Gary Jenson (Brent's father):**  
comfort and peace as they mourn their deaths

<b>Request for:</b>	<b><i>On Behalf of:</i></b>
Jenson Family (peace and comfort), Laura Begley (healing)	<i>Boehlje Family</i>
Bev, good friend, (fighting cancer)	<i>Breed &amp; Penny Families</i>
A friend's mother: hope, comfort and relief from pain	<i>Garrett Finazzo</i>
Lois (comfort and peace)	<i>Jenson Family</i>
Marc, Roberta and Kimberly (health)	<i>Jung Family</i>
Ryan and Amy - healing on death of mother; Melissa; Parents; All elected officials, Thanks for safe return of our pilot	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Cambodia and Venezuela; Pat Fulton (healing, strength); Ginny Olson (strength and healing); Sister Marie Orf; Jojo (encouragement); those who do not feel safe in their communities; all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Detained immigrants	<i>Overton Family</i>
Jim B., Lisa McL and Pam M., (healing)	<i>Richardson Family</i>

# LIVING YOUR FAITH

## GIVE

**The April Big Ask** is for toilet paper and paper towels. Place donation items in the cabinet located in the hallway leading to the Narthex.

We are still collecting socks to donate for **Maundy Thursday's** sock collection! Socks will be split between St. Anthony's and Isaiah 58.

## ACT

**Show your love and appreciation for Don Kurt**, our "sign guy" by signing the card in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall during breakfast. Don has come to Gethsemane every Monday morning for at least 15 years to change the letters on our sign, and is now retiring.

**Race for Refugees!** The date for this year's 5K race and 1 mile walk is April 18. Registration link and more info in the eNews.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** is urgently seeking support to aid families affected by escalating conflict in the Middle East, where over a million people have been displaced in Lebanon alone, and are in critical need of food, water, shelter, and emotional care. Check out the eNews for a link to donate or scan the QR code to the right.



**Spread kindness!** Blessing bags are in the Narthex - take and share with those in need.

**Share your voice!** Send May newsletter items to Gretchen by April 24.

## JOIN

The next GLC **Women's Luncheon** will be held, Monday, April 27 at 11:30 am at Chris's Pancakes on Watson and Southwest. RSVP to Mary Scanlan, Kathleen Moe or Online.

**Adult Forum!** On **May 3**, between services, join fellow Gethsemane members to hear about how they have been ministering to the unhoused in our community.

Sign-ups for **Vacation Bible School** are on Gethsemane's website and in the weekly eNews! We need volunteers and campers! July 6-10, 9 am - 12:30 pm or 5 pm.

## **COVER ARTWORK, "Peas be with you"**

by Claude AI, prompted and edited by Eve Cooney, Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

Digital work

On this Holy Humor Sunday, I drew inspiration from Jesus's greeting to his disciples after having risen from the dead and was also inspired by my own Dad's unceasing puns and Keith Paulson's weekly "Dad Jokes" which he shares with the office staff after he fills the pantry each Thursday.

Although we all long for peace in this world, there are many in the world who are hungry and may just long for peas in this world. Although I may not be able to bring about world peace, I CAN (just like Keith) bring about some peas. My gardening efforts are based on

“survival of the fittest,” but thankfully, Aldi also sells canned and frozen peas for a reasonable price. Peas are a type of bean, thus they contain protein, green stuff, and as their roots decompose after the growing season, they add more nitrogen to the soil, so it helps other plants to grow, too. All I am saying is give peas a chance.

--Eve Cooney

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar  
April 12 – April 19, 2026**

4/12 Sunday <b>Holy Humor Sunday</b>	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Sunday School and Fellowship Worship Service
4/13 Monday	1 – 5 pm 6:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive at Gethsemane Handbell Choir Rehearsal
4/14 Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study
4/15 Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm 6:30 – 8 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) Choir Rehearsal
4/18 Saturday	TBD	Race for Refugees
4/19 Sunday	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Sunday School and Fellowship Worship Service

**Upcoming Dates to Consider**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mondays	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 – 8 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Tues, April 21	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sat, April 25	9:30 am–1:30 pm	Vessels of God’s Grace, FREE Women’s Retreat Good Shepherd Luth. Church, see eNews!
Mon, April 27	11:30 am 6:00 pm	Women’s Luncheon at Chris’ Pancakes on Watson NorthHampton Neighbors Meeting
Sun. May 3	10:00 am Between Services	Last day of Sunday School until Fall Adult Forum – Ministry to unhoused neighbors
Sun, May 10	All Day Between Services	Mother’s Day Volunteer Appreciation - Bagels and Schmea
Sun, May 17	Between Services	Celebrate our Graduates with cake
Sun, May 24	9:30 am	Single Summer Worship begins

## Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

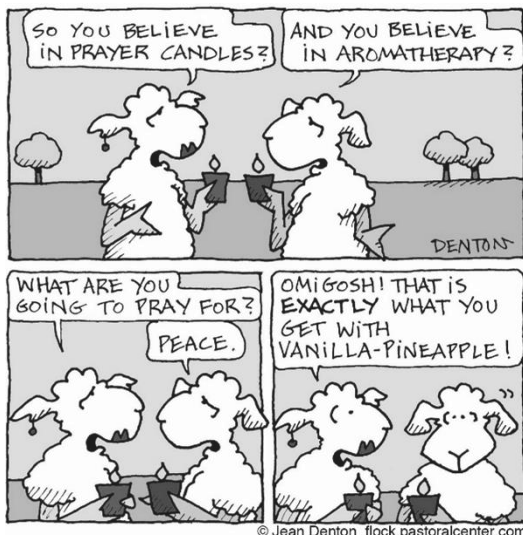
People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.


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...Do not be unbelieving, but believe."



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