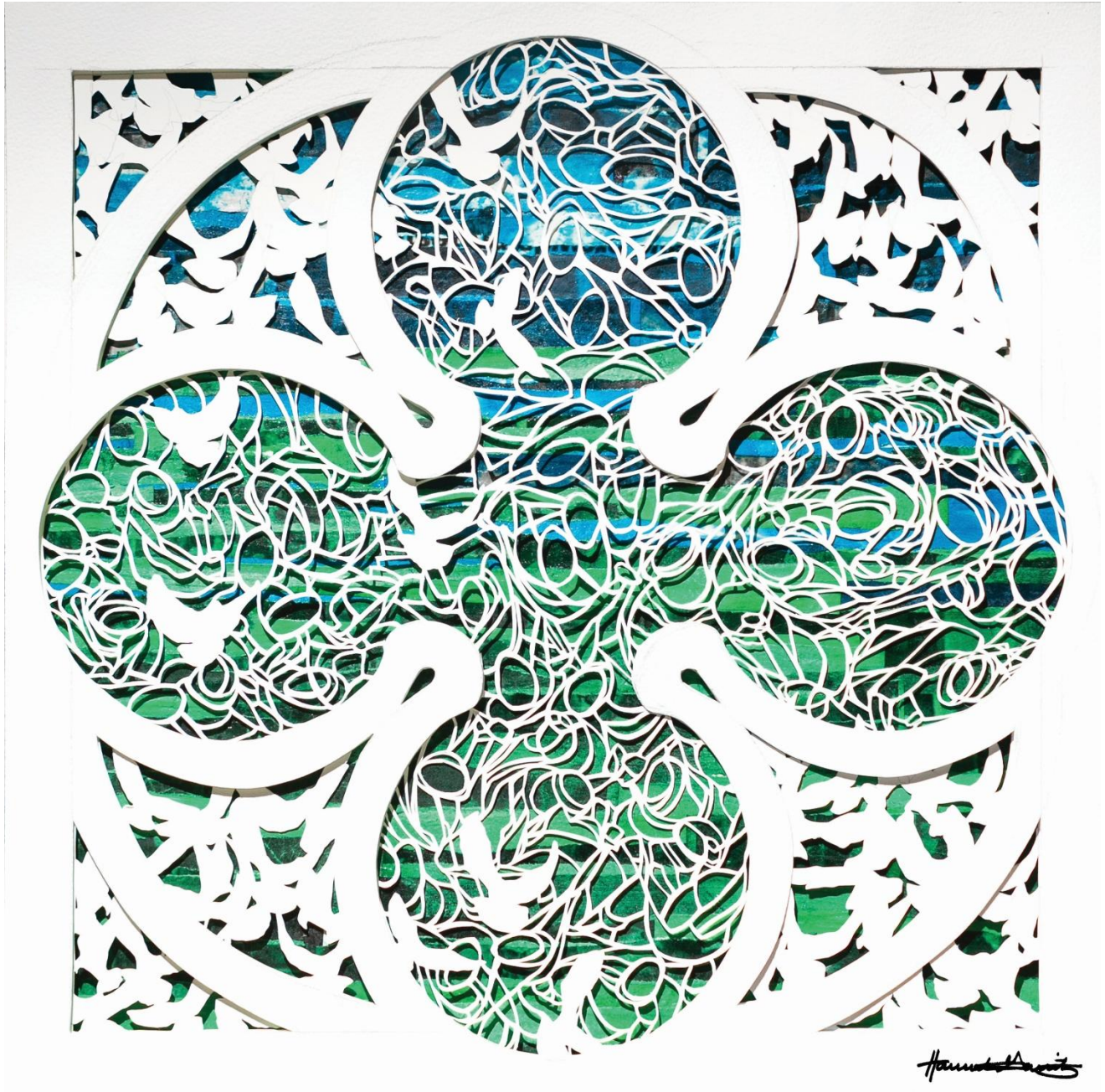


Resurrection of our Lord

April 5th, 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

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Handbell Choir – *Old Time “Hallelujah!” Religion*

Arr. Tammy Waldrop

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: 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. 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

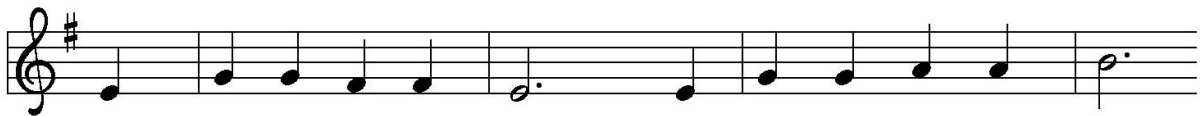
featuring Mike Schmidt (trumpet), Handbell Choir, Organ and Choir descant

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. O God, 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.

C: Amen

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ² Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the **LORD is good;**
God's mercy en- **dures forever.**

² **Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy en- dures 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!"

- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸The 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.**
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 Matthew, the 28th chapter:

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

HYMN# 384

BAPTISM OF JOYCE CHOPIN WOLFSBERGER

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Family: We present Joyce Chopin for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

F: We do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

F: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Joyce and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BAPTISM

P: Joyce Chopin Wolfsberger, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Sustain Joyce with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Joyce, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

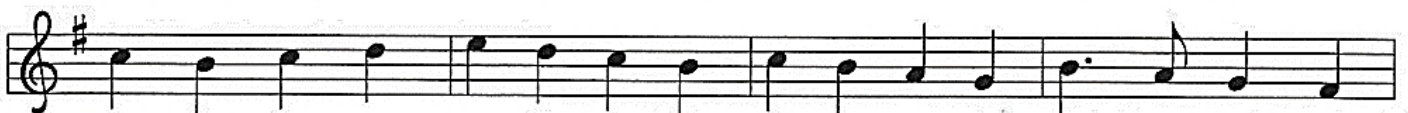
Welcome, Child of God



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.



Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.



When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,



we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.
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

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

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!* by. Ed Cash, Keith Getty, and Kristyn Getty, Arr. by David Hamilton

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,

C: **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

P: 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: 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.

Now the Green Blade Rises
Thine the Amen

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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,

C: **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

SENDING

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

HYMN# 377

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Praise the Lord Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Arr. Hal Hopson

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WORSHIP LEADERS		
	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie	
GREETER	Lois and Jack Wind	Peggy Lewis
USHERS	John Sandberg	Steve Hetager
ASSISTING MINISTER	Natalie Traylor Fontana	Maryn Olson
LECTOR	Megan Yemm	Carolyn Schainker
INSTRUMENTALISTS	Mike Schmidt (trumpet), Handbell Choir	
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Chris Schmidt	
ALTAR GUILD	Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton	
WINE	Kate Hartz	
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Gethsemane Youth	
BLOOD PRESSURE	Kayla McCrea-Cliffe	
CAMERA	Gretchen Jenson	

We invite all members, guests, and visitors to join us for Easter Breakfast (pastries and yogurt parfait buffet), coffee and/or fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. The Easter Breakfast is hosted by the Gethsemane Youth who are raising funds to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in Summer 2027. Suggested donation is \$15/per person. No advance reservations needed. You do not need to participate in the breakfast or make a donation to enter the Fellowship Hall and eat breakfast! All are welcome!



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** and **Sue Hackman:** Comfort and peace as they mourn their deaths

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
MR for his new job journey; MW for a healthy pregnancy and marriage	<i>Penny Family</i>
Ryan and Amy (healing on death of mother); Mom and Dad (health); Melissa (healing and employment); all elected officials	<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>

FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given By:	Dedication:
Ami Boehlje	In honor of Kate Hartz
Cooney Family	In memory of Tom, Joyce, Martha, Charles, Claudette, and Claire
Pastor Cheryl and Alfred Gorvie	
Hartz and Sutton Families	In honor of Kate Hartz
Kerner Family	
Jenson Family	
Kathleen and Carolyn Moe	For Randy Moe and Grandpa Credisk
Cayce Morice	In loving memory of my dad, Virgil Morice and sister, Cadena Smith
Mary Scanlan	In memory of husband Bill and brother Carl
Debbie Schaller	To our Gethsemane family
Lindsay S., Brian and Brock Williams	In honor of all of the volunteers for the children and youth programs at Gethsemane
Mary Wolfsberger	In honor of Joyce's baptism

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given By:	Dedication:
Natalie Traylor Fontana ²	Dedicated with love to all who are mourning a loved one this Easter season.
Kate Hartz ³	In honor of our energetic and kind grandsons – Leo, Eli and Luke
John Sandberg ²	In memory of lost love ones
Kate Schejbal ⁴	In memory of Tom Wiken
Lois and Jack Wind ¹ Joan Williams ¹	In memory of Harold and Norma Schenck, Cletus and Elaine Wind, Jeffrey Williams and family and friends.

¹ Designated for Garden Fund

³ Designated for Project Peanut Butter

² Designated for Little Free Food Pantry

⁴ Designated for Isaiah 58/St. Anthony's



Those who sponsored flowers, can choose and take home their flowers today after 11 am worship or next week. Flowers not picked up after next week will be planted outside in our gardens.

LIVING YOUR FAITH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We mourn the deaths of **Sue Hackman** (3/29) and **Neil Gustafson** (3/27). Sue's funeral will be held at Gethsemane on Wed, April 8 at 10:30 am. Neil's funeral will be held at Kutis South County on Fri, April 10 at 1 pm (visitation at 10:30 am). More details in the eNews.



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.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

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

All are welcome to the **Yogurt Parfait Buffet Easter breakfast** today between services. The breakfast is hosted by our Youth to help support them at the Summer 2027 **ELCA Youth Gathering** in Minneapolis, MN. A suggested donation is \$15, but all are welcome to come and enjoy with or without donating.



YOUTH GATHERING EASTER BREAKFAST DONATION

Children wishing to participate in the **Easter Egg hunt** today should listen for the call to gather at around 10:20 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The next **GLC Women's Luncheon** will be held, Monday, April 27 at 11:30 am at Chris's Pancake House on Watson. 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.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
April 5 – April 12, 2026

Today, 4/5/26 Easter Sunday	8:30 am Between Services 11:00 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship and Easter Breakfast Easter Egg Hunts Worship Service
4/6 Monday	6:00 pm	No Bell Choir Rehearsal
4/7 Tuesday	6 am – 7 pm 10 am	Election Day! Bible Study
4/8 Wednesday	10:30 am 1:00 – 3:00 pm 6:30 – 8 pm	Funeral service for Sue Hackman Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) Choir Rehearsal
4/10 Friday	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Visitation for Neil Gustafson (Kutis So. County) Funeral (Kutis So. County)
4/12 Sunday Holy Humor 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

Date	Time	Event
Mondays	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 – 8 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Mon, April 13	1-5 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive at Gethsemane
Sat, April 18	TBD	Race for Refugees
Tues, April 21	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
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

COVER ARTWORK

Meet Me in Galilee

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion* is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors.

--Hannah Garrity

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...

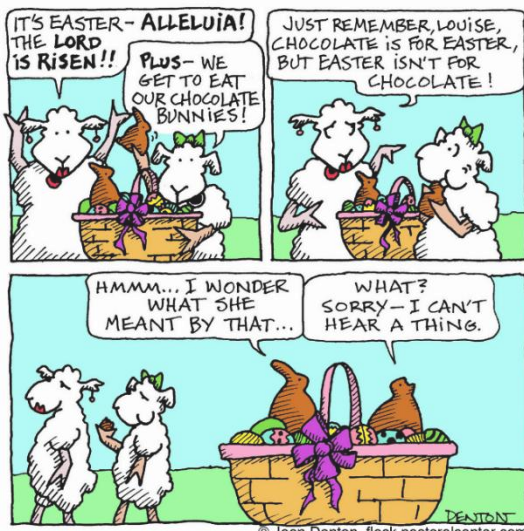
People of differing educational backgrounds...

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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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?"