



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"From the Rising of the Sun"*

Greeting

Song

*"The Peace of the Earth"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"Because He Lives"*

Marisa Gift

**WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching**

**Children's Message**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32...** 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. **Thanks be to God.**

**1 Peter 1:3-9...** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**John 20:19-31...** 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.      **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Greg Berger

Hymn of the Day

*"By Faith"*

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

**MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus**

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

*"On Bended Knee"*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

*"Come as You Are"*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

**SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love**

Blessing

Sending Song

*"We Can Make a Difference"*

Dismissal

Postlude

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, April 16 from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. As part of our mission to Feed the Hungry, our food bags include 2 cans each of fruit, tuna and soup. During our pantry distributions, we provide up to 155 food bags each pantry distribution day! Recent sale prices allowed our blue bin donations to overflow with soup allowing us to use funds on other items for the last pantry distribution! Truly a blessing! Every item donated from our pantry shopping list is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be fruit, tuna and soup.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at Romeo's located at 2395 N. 90th St. at 11:30. You are welcome to join us. Please call Linda Kohrs (402)690-3342 if you would like to come!
- ⇒ **Volunteers needed:** We are in need of volunteers to assist with the Boy Scout food drive on Saturday, April 18 from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Volunteers will help receive donations and check expiration dates on food items. Please email Pat Kern or Kelli Joseph if you are able to assist: [patkern@cox.net](mailto:patkern@cox.net), [ksjose123@cox.net](mailto:ksjose123@cox.net). Thank you.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, April 12**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Palm Path Meeting—Cross Center  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

### **Monday, April 13**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 14**

7:00 pm Rachel Circle  
7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 15**

11:30am Lunch Bunch  
12:30 pm Tai Chi Class  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Worship  
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

### **Thursday, April 16**

5:00 pm Food Pantry  
6:00 pm Finance Committee  
6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, April 17**

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex  
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction  
7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

### **Sunday, April 19**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Mike McDonald; Julie Leahy; Anna Mae Carlson; Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Meg Trowbridge, friend of Nicole Szymczak; Bobbi Valandra, sister of Jason Valandra; Arthur Oberwetter, father of Julie Leahy; Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; ; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.