

*Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, 2026*  
4th Weekend of 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*

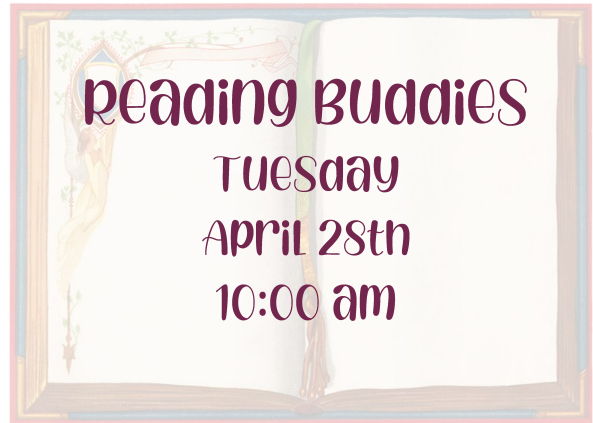
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of  
April 26-May 3

Sunday	9:45am Worship
Tuesday	10:00am Reading Buddies
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship



**Please join us for a brief rogation service to dedicate the new raised garden beds which will benefit Our Sharing Pantry. The service will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 8:30 am.**

Offering 4/18 and 4/19	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$5,597.44	\$70,267.83
Capital Fund	\$2,266.11	\$5,929.91

## Prayer Requests

Mary Bark  
Mary Carlson  
Lance Davenport  
Judy Erickson  
Lee Gehrke  
Marlyn Glover  
Sharon Goode  
Mike Hamer  
Scott Horsch

Mary Ann Hulon  
Rhea Lumsden  
Linda Martin  
Doris Miller's  
brother, Curt  
James Moris  
Becky Morphey  
Lonnie Murray

Kay Nelson  
Matt Potter  
Roger & Helen  
Larry Rogers  
Shelly  
Lynn Skryzpiec  
Lois Spizziri  
Rosemary Underwood  
Jackie Wendland  
Cindy Westbrook  
Susan White

## Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
APRIL	28	READING BUDDIES
MAY	9	ROGATION SERVICE
MAY	17	CONFIRMATION
JUNE	4	BLOOD DRIVE

## 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.

**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 ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

#### 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.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

#### Prayer of the Day

**P:** O God our Shepherd,

**C:** **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Acts Chapter 2 vs 14a, 42-47

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life

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

- A:** Our Psalm today is Psalm 23  
<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**  
<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your  
name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they com-  
fort me.**  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**A:** The **Second Reading** comes from 1 Peter Chapter 2 verses 19-25

**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. John the 10th Chapter

**C:** **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 778 The Lord's My Shepherd

## 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.**

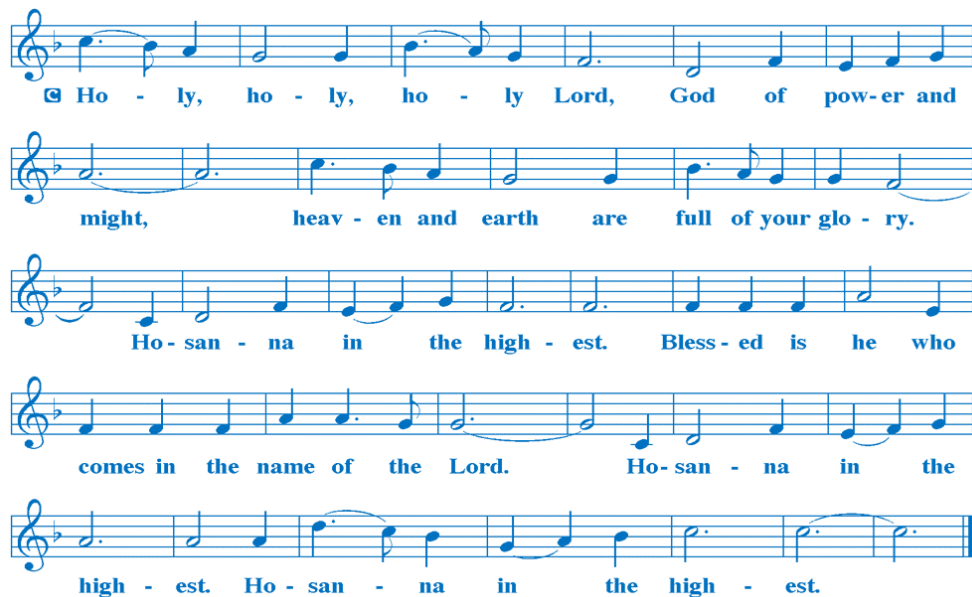
**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim, 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:
- C:** **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.

### **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,
- C:** **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.
- C:** **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn ELW 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

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

### **Dismissal**

- A:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
- C:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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