

**Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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## Ministers: The people of the Parish

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## Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

### **WELCOME GUESTS**


*We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. Thank you for joining us.*

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

### **Recorded Services:**

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on YouTube.

Go to the Church website at [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  symbol.  
Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

*For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:  
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Or on the church website – [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
You can donate through our PayPal account.*

*“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”*

## Readings for April 19, 2026 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Season of Easter

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
<b>Psalm</b>	116: 1-4, 12-19
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Peter 1:17-23
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	Luke 24: 13-35

## Change of Heart

The people who hear Peter's testimony and preaching are cut to the heart. The writer of 1 Peter instructs believers to love deeply from the heart. The disciples who encounter the risen Christ notice afterward that their hearts were "burning" within them as Jesus reveals the scriptures and then himself to them in the breaking of the bread. Whether a call to repentance, hope, recognition, or love, people are deeply affected by encounters with the one raised from death to become followers of Jesus' way. They not only turn from their sin and doubt but literally change direction, going back from Emmaus to Jerusalem with renewed courage, faith, and hope. These heart-changing encounters with Jesus fulfill a promise from God for the whole community, from those who have lived a long life to those who are children.

## CONTACT INFO

*We are also available anytime by phone!*

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**Office Hours on Wednesday & Thursday from Noon – 4 pm**

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

**Attendance on Easter Sunday, April 5: 74**

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 10 am. The study will again be based on “The Chosen”.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School will be offered on Wednesdays after school. The last day for church school will be May 13<sup>th</sup>! The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP**

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

### ***STEP ONE:***

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

### ***STEP TWO:***

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as ***Altar Flower Donation***. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

## **CALL COMMITTEE**

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen	715-892-3513
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Joanne Pierce	414-477-5804
Charlie Rice - Chairman	715-617-1398 or 715-479-9336

## **QUILTING**

Please join the quilting group at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to know how to quilt or sew – if you can tie knots, they can use your help!

**In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact**  
**Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or**  
**Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259**

## **FREE LIBRARY**

Please remember the free books in the south entrance of the church!! There are a lot of books available. Check it out – you are welcome to borrow them, add to them or add them to your personal collection.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **Pray for those dealing with current issues:**

Jim C., Dick, Alyce, Teresa, Joan's brother David, Tracey, Holli, Beth, Tracey, Bonnie, Marsha and Jessica.

*(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")*

### **Pray for those with ongoing health issues:**

Larry, Mary Lou, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Ron, Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim,

### **Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Dylan

### **Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:**

Elisabeth

### **Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:**

### **Special Prayers**

*Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we search for a new Shepherd.*

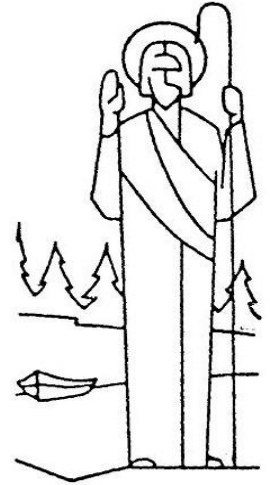
*Please or email Jean Maines at [treasurer@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:treasurer@SOTLsayner.com) or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at [plclerk@gmail.com](mailto:plclerk@gmail.com) or text her at 715-892-7049, if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.*

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Second Sunday Of Easter, Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026



## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

## Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth.**

**Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

Gathering Hymn "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright" ELW 384

(Please Stand As You Are Comfortable)

# That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,

**We have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace as you are comfortable and then be seated)*

**First Reading            Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

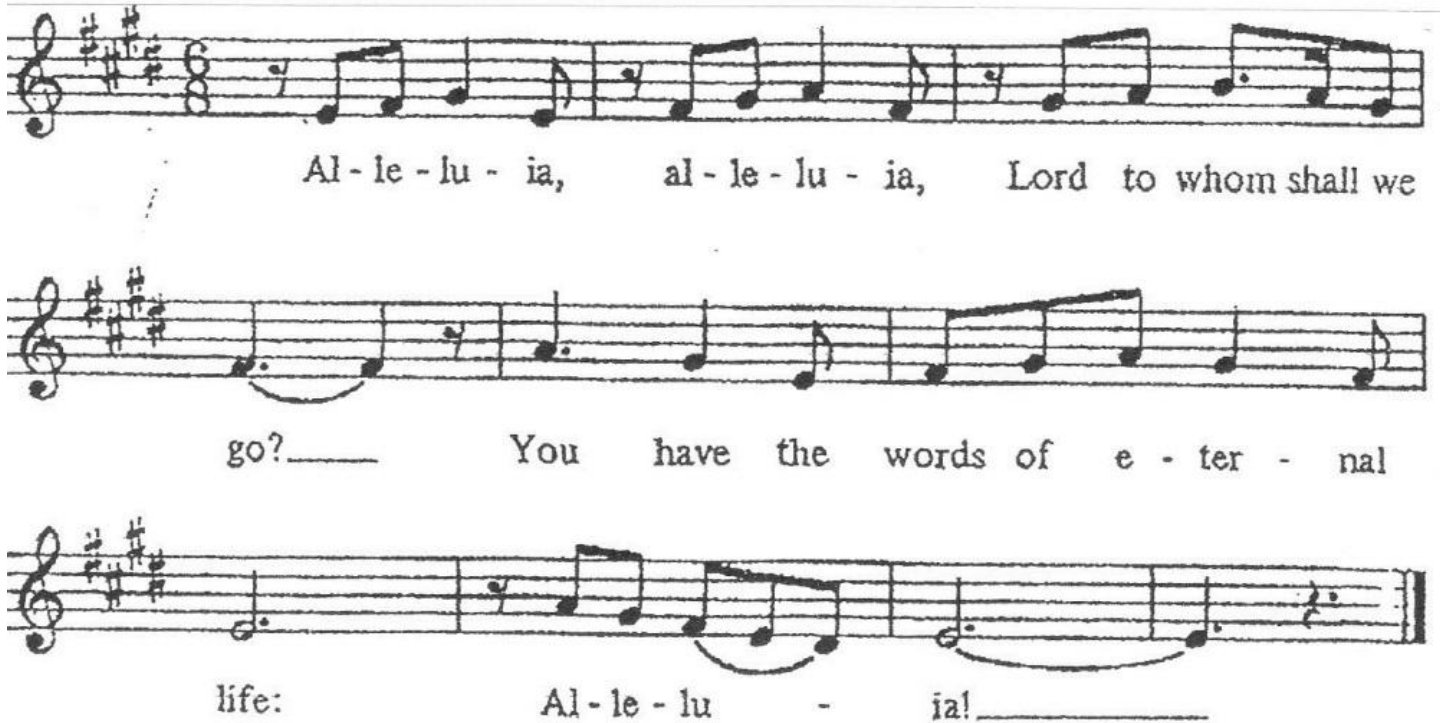
## Second Reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? \_\_\_\_\_ You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 20: 19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

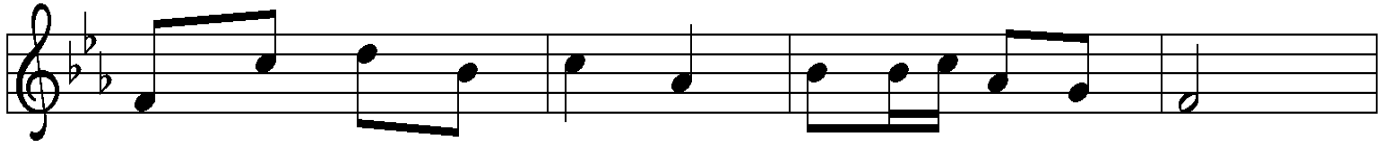
*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

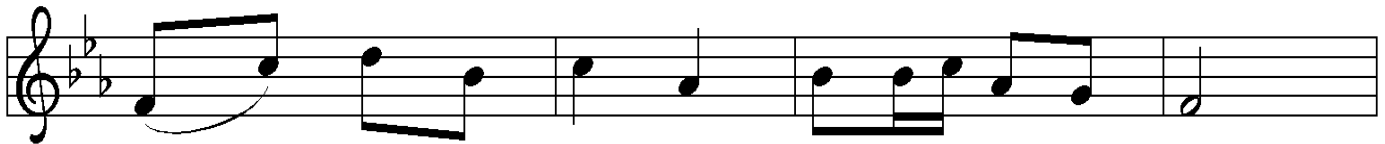
Hymn of the Day "Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW 379

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

## Now the Green Blade Rises



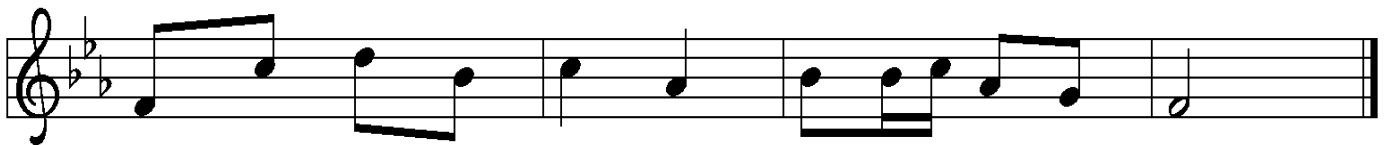
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Offering** (We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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**Presentation of Gifts** (Please stand as you are comfortable.)

## Offertory Prayer

Holy God,

**Gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving *(Service of Distribution)*

The Lord be with you..... **and also with you.**

As we gather before these consecrated elements of bread and wine for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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."

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. As we prepare to receive this bread of life and this cup of blessing, we pray that we may be strengthened through our participation in the body of Christ.

## LORD'S PRAYER

I invite you join with me and let us pray with confidence the words that our Savior gave 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.**

## INVITATION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.

## Communion Distribution

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.*

### **ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.**

*Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward.*

**Distribution** (As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.)

### **HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

#### **"Lamb of God"**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,  
mer-cy on us. *Final time:* Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound” ELW 367

# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
strife. “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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## What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## TABLE BLESSING

*(Please stand as you are comfortable.)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks,

**Generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Calendar for Week of April 13 to April 19, 2026

Tuesday	April 14, 2026	Bible Study “The Chosen”	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	April 15, 2026	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	April 16, 2026	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	April 19, 2026	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

### Next Council Meeting:

April 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events:

*Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.*

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