

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship! Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope you feel encouraged, blessed, and welcomed!

In preparation for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for others.

~ Members and visitors ~
kindly remember to sign in using the friendship binders in your pew.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Smith. They are given by his wife, Christine.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"To God Be the Glory", William Doane, arr. Marianne Kim. Bud Esper, piano.
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We are delighted to have The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer with us today leading us in Worship. Please join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome!

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Melodie Celeste" ("Poland", "The Lord is my Shepherd"), Thomas Koschat, arr. William Felton. Bud Esper, organ. (c)1940 Theodore Presser.

Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P ...God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P ...Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P ... and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing", #386
Vv.1,5-8

APOSTOLIC 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 S-147 (*front of hymnal*)

HYMN OF PRAISE "Worthy" S-149 (*front of hymnal*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 16

L ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C ²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

L ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C ⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

L ⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L ⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C ⁸**I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

C ²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

**Cantor sings two verses, each followed by the refrain*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151a (front of hymnal)

(Music on next page)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Congregation sits

+ SERMON + THE REVEREND DR. BETH SPITZNER NEUBAUER,
PASTOR +

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Risen Christ", #390

NICENE CREED

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

C **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 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.

WA ...Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P ...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Cleanse Me", J. Edwin Orr, Maori melody arr.

Robert F. Douglas. St. Luke Voice Choir. (c) 1986 Word Music.

Congregation stands

OFFERING HYMN "Create In Me a Clean Heart", #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **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 S-152 (front of hymnal)

(Music on next page)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P ...death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
 C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 P ...Grace our table with your presence.
 C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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 TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the Risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) S-154 (front of hymnal)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Now the Green Blade Rises”, #379

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”, #502

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised”, #204

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”, #543

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshiping with us today--

The following members assisted with today’s worship service with live streaming:

Altar Guild: Deb Mardis, Joyce Charity | AV Team: Dan & Deb Mardis

Bulletin: Dawn Plyler ~ Cover Art: Lori Schneider | Cantor: Alice Christiansen

Music: Bud Esper, Director of Church Music; Kim Hawkins, Conductor, St. Luke Handbell Choir; St. Luke Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir | Communion

Assistants: Beverly Werner, Dona Quinlan | Crucifer: Sue Dompkowski | Eucharistic

Minister: Joyce Rivenburgh | Greeters: Tony & Sue Dompkowski | Lector: Rodney

Stinson | Ushers: Wayne Huffman, Becky Overcash, Kenn Nelson, Beverly Werner

Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? We’d love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610.393.7622 or

pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org or the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.

Upcoming availability: April 26 | May 3,10,17,24,31

PRAYER LIST APRIL 12, 2025

Donna Cutsforth, Beverly Dague, Marcia Shaw, Ron Ateshian

LUTHERAN LIFE

NOTE OF THANKS ~ Our sincere thanks to The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer for sharing her ministry with us today. Your messages always lift our spirits, and your insightful guidance through the Word helps our faith flourish. We are truly inspired by your passion for the Gospel! ~*With gratitude, Pastor Eichorn, Church Council, and the Saint Luke congregation.*

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you visited St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for refreshments.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ❖ Saint Luke members, please sign in so we can accurately report attendance to our synod and to our guests/visitors, we can show our appreciation to you. We love you and thank you for being a part of today’s service!

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **WOSL Annual Patriotic Charity Luncheon Benefiting Street Reach and Waves4Kids!** Tickets are still available for \$25! Join us Saturday, April 25 (*doors open 11am; lunch Noon*). We are also hosting special raffles in the fellowship area on 4/12 and 4/19. Come by to see these incredible donations: ½ Day Pontoon Rental (\$470 value), Various Golf Outings (Foursomes), 2 Tickets to Carolina Opry, Special Prize Basket (Gift cards & fun items \$250+ value).
- ❖ All WOSL members are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm on Monday, April 20. We will be finalizing preparations for our Patriotic Charity Lunch on Saturday the 25. We look forward to seeing you there as we prepare for this wonderful event!
- ❖ **LMM Food Drive** ~ Help us surpass last year’s incredible efforts! Join the LMM host their annual Food Drive on Saturday, April 18. Sign up on the LMM bulletin board. Help our neighbors in need!
- ❖ **Social Ministry Committee** - No April Committee meeting.
- ❖ **SPRING NEWS from The Listening Group:** The “LISTENING GROUP” will begin a new study experience on Tuesday, April 14, meeting on successive Tuesdays through May 19, 2026. We will use the book, *The Cup of Our Life*, by Joyce Rupp. This group meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesdays in room #3 of the Fellowship Building. Specific dates are April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19. **We have limited space, so please CALL or TEXT Katherine Moore 336-687-1008.**
- ❖ We will receive new members on **Sunday, April 26.**

This Week at Saint Luke ~ April 2026

Sunday, April 12		<i>No Adult Sunday School</i>
Second Sunday of Easter	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
<i>The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer, Guest Pastor</i>	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
Monday, April 13	3pm	MexTrain
Tuesday, April 14	10:30am	Listening Group
		<i>Social Committee postponed until next month</i>
	1pm	Bridge
	1pm	Finance Committee Meeting - Library
Wednesday, April 15	10am	Morning Prayer
	6pm	Handbell Choir
	7pm	Voice Choir
Thursday, April 16	1pm	Church Council
Sunday, April 19	9am	Adult Sunday School
Third Sunday of Easter	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ April 19, 2026 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-10 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35

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