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April 19th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord,

People: *And bow myself before God on high?*

Leader: Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,

People: *With calves and rams and rivers of oil?*

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

People: *And what does the Lord require of you,*

Unison: *But to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, You know who we are. Too often we think that You are fortunate to have us on Your team. Yet You know everything we have done and all that we have left undone. Instead of devotion to You, most of all what we worship is personal wealth and personal power. And we are blind to the persistence sin in our own lives. We are quick to judge others but not honest in judging our own failings. You love us not because we are good but because we are so needy. Help us to make an honest confession of our sins and to seek the help of Your Holy Spirit that we might grow more Christ like and seek to be better disciples. This we ask in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 649

“Amazing Grace”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

...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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 51:1-17, Page 520

ANTHEM

“Have You Been to Calvary”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46, page 28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Tom Currie

“Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

“Worthy of Worship”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

“Whispering Hope”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of April 19th – April 26th

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
4:00 p.m. Children Education Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday: 6:15 p.m. Men’s Group

Wednesday: **Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Church Clean-Up Day

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome our own Rev. Dr. Tom Currie as he brings forth our message today.

Church Mouse / Newsletter: If you have any meetings, events or photos of events that you would like to add to the church mouse / newsletter, please provide to Sonya on or before the deadline date. For all information provided, please add a brief note of the event, meeting or pictures. Let's keep everyone informed of what we have going on from week to week.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The flowers in the church are given in the Glory of God by Carol and Paul White.