

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

10am worship

Facebook live

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING SONG "God Of Wonders"

Verse 1

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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GATHERING PRAYER

SONG “Hungry”

Verse 1

Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy
I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry

Pre-Chorus

So I wait for You
So I wait for You

Chorus

I'm falling on my knees
Offering all of me
Jesus You're all this heart is living for

Verse 2

Broken I run to You for Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know Your touch restores my life

Pre-Chorus

Chorus x2

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SONG “Let My Words Be Few”

Verse 1

You are God in heaven
And here am I on earth
So I'll let my words be few

Jesus I am so in love with You

Chorus

And I'll stand in awe of You
Yes I'll stand in awe of You
And I'll let my words be few
Jesus I am so in love with You

Verse 2

The simplest of all love songs
I want to bring to You
So I'll let my words be few
Jesus I am so in love with You

Chorus

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. *Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

SONG “The Old Rugged Cross”

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross

Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

Chorus

Tag

And exchange it some day for a crown

SONG "Pour Out My Heart"

Verse

Here I am once again
I pour out my heart for I know
That You hear every cry
You are listening no matter
What state my heart is in
You are faithful to answer
With words that are true
And a hope that is real
As I feel Your touch
You bring a freedom
To all that's within
In the safety of this place
I'm longing to

Chorus

Pour out my heart
To say that I love You
Pour out my heart
To say that I need You
Pour out my heart
To say that I'm thankful
Pour out my heart
To say that You're wonderful

repeat song

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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.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - *Lutheran World Relief School Kits*

We will be gathering supplies to make school kits to be assembled on the ELCA Day of Service in September. During April we are collecting 12 inch rulers that include metric measurements. Your donation will help us purchase specific items needed.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say... You that are 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— 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' 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. 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

SECOND READING *This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 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. 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, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL *The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "Grace Upon Grace"

[Verse 1]

What reason do I have to wake up with the rising sun
And not be held down by the weight of all the things I've done?
What reason do I have to feel this hope instead of hurt?
How can it be I don't receive the judgement I deserve?

[Chorus]

Wave upon wave, of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave, of grace upon grace upon grace

[Verse 2]

How can You see me at my worst and still say I am loved?
What promise can I stand on when I don't feel good enough?
When the enemy's reminding me of all that I've done wrong
What freedom do I have to sing this new creation song?

[Chorus]

Wave upon wave, of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave, of grace upon grace upon grace

[Bridge]

Singing

What can wash away my sin and make me new again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me white as snow? No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

[Chorus]

Wave upon wave, of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave, of grace upon grace upon grace

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Armando Caragan, Robin Holt, and Mary Peters. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Jake Hovde. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.*

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER QUILT

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COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "Come Running Home"

VERSE

Oh, heart of mine, why must you stray?
From One so fair, you run away
And one more time you have to pay
The heaviness of needless shame.

Oh, heart of mine, come back home

You've been too long out on your own
And He's been there all along,
Watching for you down the road.

CHORUS

So come home running,
His arms are open wide.
His name is Jesus, and He understands.
He is the answer you are looking for.
So, come home running, just as you are.

VERSE

Oh, child of God, so dearly loved,
And ransomed by the saviour's blood,
Called by name, daughter and son,
Wrapped in the robe of righteousness.

CHORUS

So come home running
His arms are open wide
His name is Jesus, and He understands
He is the answer you are looking for
So come home running just as you are.

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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.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

SONG “Way Maker”

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst

I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Chorus x2

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

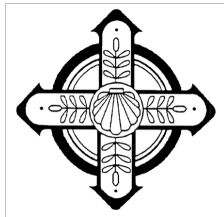
C: Thanks be to God.

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