

Jubilate
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026



**So also you have sorrow now, but I will
see you again, and your hearts will
rejoice, and no one will take your joy
from you.**

(John 16:22 ESV)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *“And no one will take your joy from you”* (John 16:22).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

We rejoice today to have as our guest preacher, Rev. Stephen Hand. Rev. Hand graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne in 2007. He has served the LCMS in district, seminary, and congregational ministries including parishes in Virginia and New York.

We rejoice with Will Wueller today as he is received to the Lord's table through the Rite of Confirmation. Will is being confirmed by Pastor Ulmer at Faith, Plano where he received instruction.

The new Meditations devotional is now available on the long table in the narthex.

The second annual Confessional Lutheran Summer Youth Retreat is scheduled for June 29—July 2 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. Interested youth (8th – 12th grades) can register here: <https://osl.breezechms.com/form/3048a9736>. Housing will be beach houses close by on the island. The retreat will be action-packed with Bible study, activities at the church, an afternoon on the Strand, prayer services, and a day at Schlitterbahn Waterpark. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ulmer.

Weekly Bach Cantatas.... Lutheran Public Radio streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central on Sundays. This week's cantata will be BWV 103, "You Will Weep and Wail." You can listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and with the LPR mobile app.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

1 Peter 2:11 – "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against

your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed. We constantly desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul. It urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that in this world, we are sojourners and exiles — we really belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

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| SUNDAY
<i>04/26/26</i> | <i>Jubilate – Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
9:30 AM – Divine Service
11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class |
| TUESDAY | 9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study |
| FRIDAY | 9:30 AM – Matins
10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution |
| SUNDAY
<i>05/3/26</i> | <i>Cantate – Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
9:30 AM – Divine Service
11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class |

Ushers next week: Brad Perry, Shad Reif

PRAYERS

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).

- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Kristie Messer, Elizabeth Meyers.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Connor Hendon.
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Matt and Tori Thibodeaux, Brad and Roberta Lowery.
- Emma Cassanova, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- The Lowerys in thanksgiving for the safe birth of Grace Leigh, daughter of Mitchell and Erica Ficken, and in joyous anticipation of her upcoming rebirth through the saving waters of Holy Baptism.
- Oleh Cholak, the Ulmers' godson, recovering from surgery.
- Doug Wall, friend of Greg Sims, whose health is declining and who has been denied necessary surgery.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Sarah Wickham, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig, Sandra Zastrow, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Rush, Ruth Pritchett, Galen Dino, Lindsay Penrose, Stephanie, Katrina, Will, Harrison, Reagan Armstrong.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – James Rose	Altar Duty – Gail Sellers
Organist – Rebekah Roundey	Ushers: Joe Mallon, Kyler Mallon
4/19/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$5,436.86	
Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$11.00	
Weekly budget needed: \$4,641.68	
Budget year to date: surplus: \$7,847.28	