

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 12, 2026

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

O Filii et Filiae

Alexandre Guilmant

Opening Hymn Now the Green Blade Rises

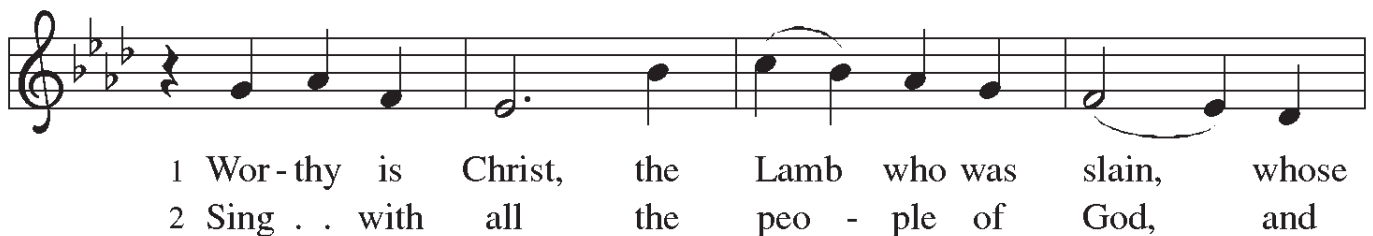
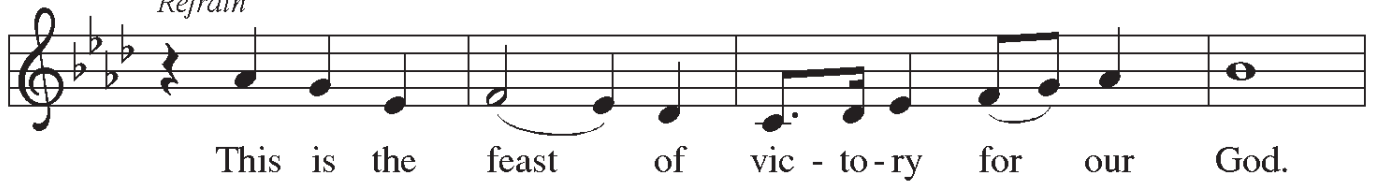
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Apostolic Greeting

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.

Refrain



Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The first reading is from Acts, chapter 2

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²² "Fellow 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 ²³ 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. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ 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;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "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. ³⁰ 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. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and See the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall always be on my lips;

My soul shall glory in the Lord;

For He has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise His name.

I called the Lord and He answered me;

From all my troubles he set me free.

Worship the Lord all you people

You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that God is good;

In Him we need put all our trust.

The second reading is from 1 Peter, chapter 1

³ 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 ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel for today comes from John, chapter 20 Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were for fear of the others, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail prints in his hands and put my finger in the nail marks and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷ 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."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ 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."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not recorded in these accounts.

³¹ But these are recorded so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion, all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Peace

MEAL

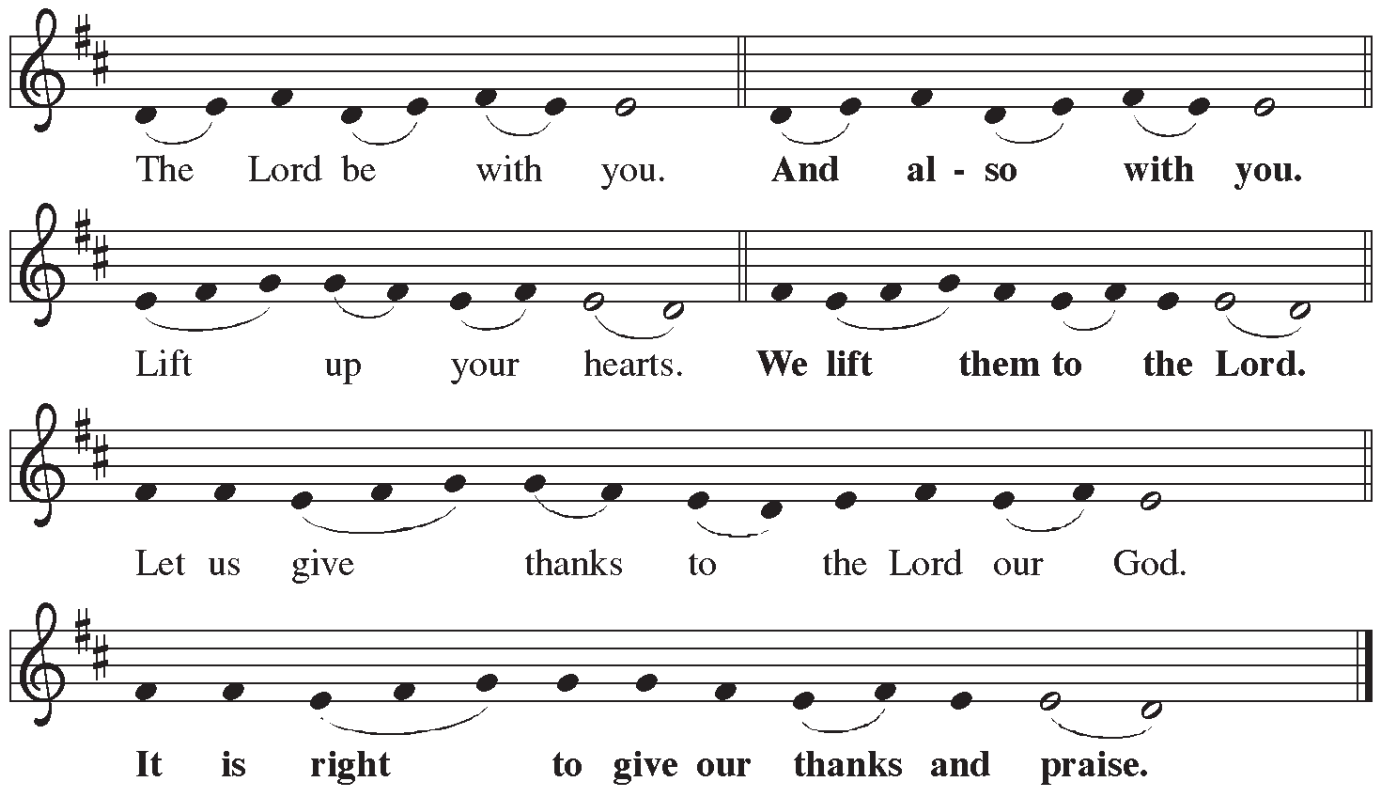
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Offering Prayer

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,

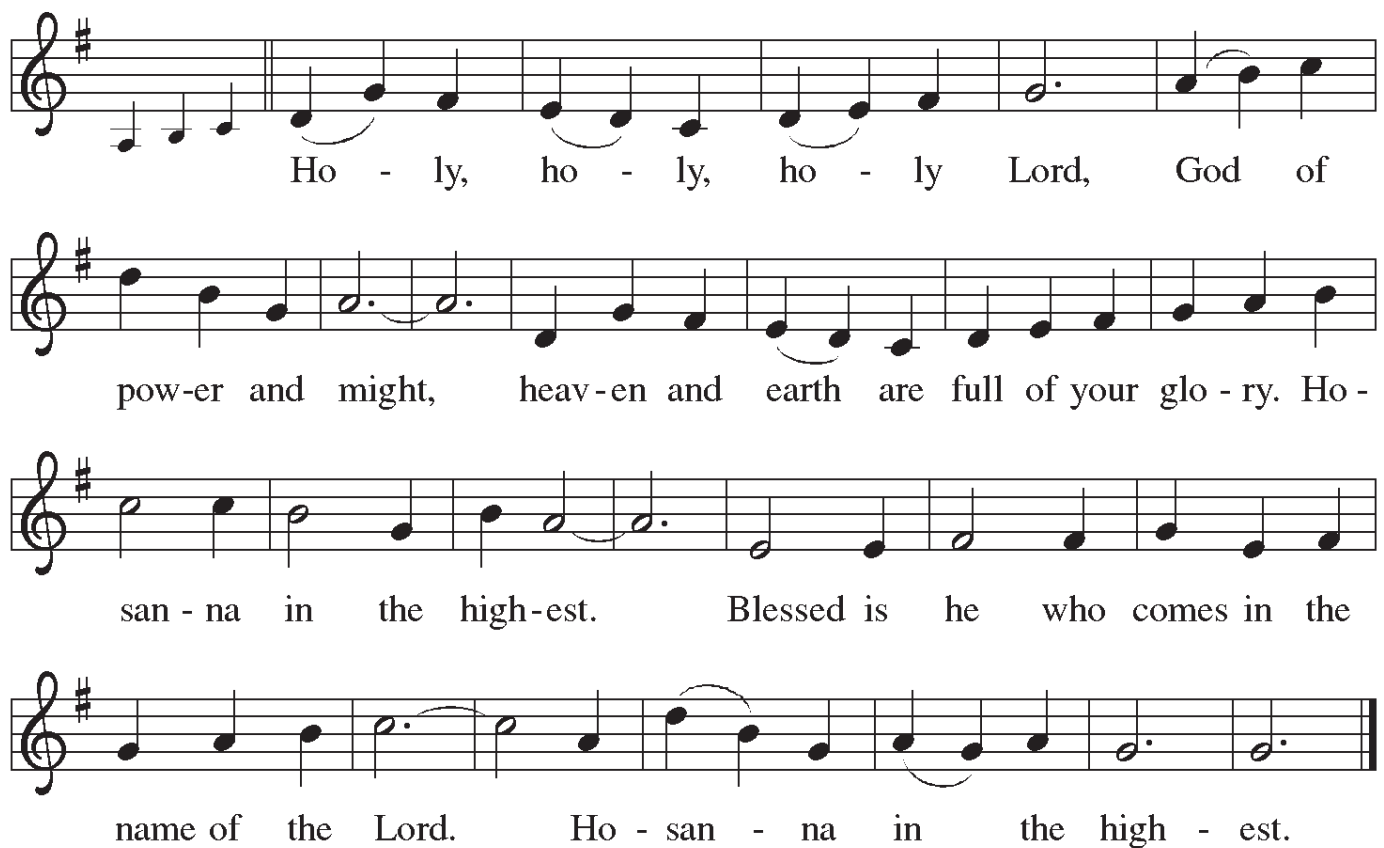
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

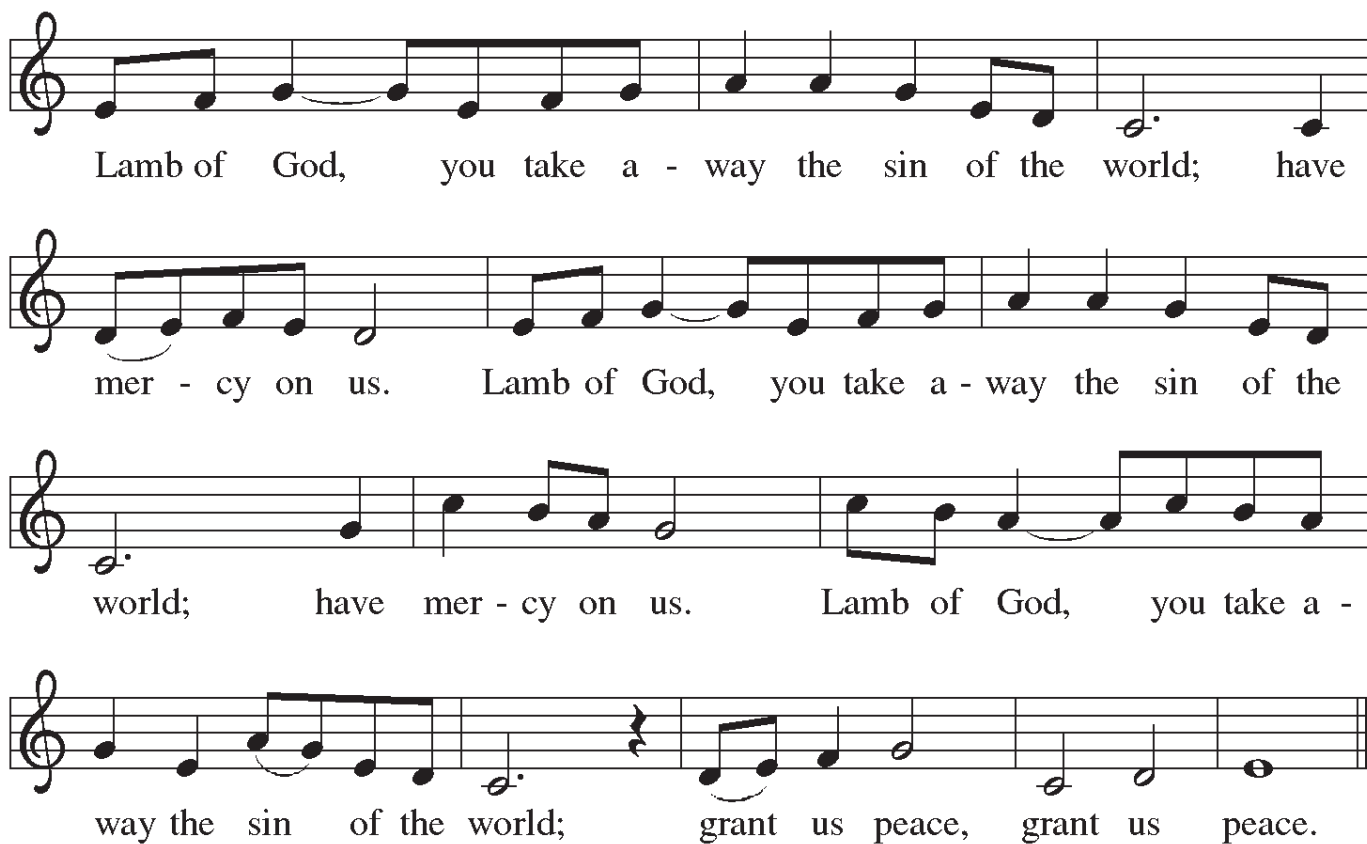
Eucharistic Prayer

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 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.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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

Prayer After Communion

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,
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Mark Sedio

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Assisting Minister: Bev Page

Reader: Suzette Peltier

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Micah Bland

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (12th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY

*Oxygen tank explodes aboard
Apollo 13 – 1970*
Foot & Nail
Clinic – 7am — 4pm
Elizabeth Circle – 10am
Scouts – 6pm

TUESDAY

Titanic hit an iceberg – 1912
Foot & Nail
Clinic – 7am — 4pm
Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Tax Day
Foot & Nail
Clinic – 7am — 4pm
Crafters – 9am
Text Study – 12noon
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Foot & Nail
Clinic – 7am — 4pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

FRIDAY

Foot & Nail
Clinic – 7am — 4pm

SATURDAY

*Martin Luther's last day
on trial at the Diet of
Worms – 1521*

SUNDAY (19th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: UWEC – Continuing Education, Scouts, Brighter than Sunshine, ECWiT, Theater Guild



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Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 10 AM on Monday, April 13, 2026, in the Lounge at Grace. It is a morning filled with fun, fellowship, food and Bible Study. All women are invited. No prep required, as we read, study and discuss together.

New Members

We will be receiving New Members on April 19th. If you are interested in joining Grace, please talk to the pastor.



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Sunday, April 19, 2026

2 pm

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2025 Scholarship Recipients Seth Roberts, Ben Kittilstad-with Judy Lies, piano

Lynn Emmons, Lloyd Harter, Elaine Mann-with Diana Cataldi, soprano



Freewill offering to benefit the scholarship fund





HANDBELL CONCERT

Area handbell ringers will present a concert including massed choir and solo choir pieces on April 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Spirit Lutheran Church.

As always, this concert is FREE and open to the public.

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Saturday, April 18 – 2:00 pm

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CLINIC DATES AND TIME		REGISTRATION BEGINS
MON April 13	3-4 p.m.	MONDAY March 30 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS April 14-16	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
FRI April 17	7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	
MON Oct. 12	3-4 p.m.	MONDAY Sept. 28 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS Oct. 13-15	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
FRI Oct. 16	7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED: 715-836-3636 — *the services are free.*

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For more information please visit: uwec.ly/footnail1

Church Office Hours

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> Bulletins may also be found on the same page.

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713