

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 12, 2026 Second Sunday of Easter

### GATHERING

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met or seen in a while, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.*

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us here: rivers, lakes, and reservoirs.

Blessed are you.

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

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

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

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

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

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Song** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" ELW 364



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won."  
*Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

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

P: (sung) In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

P: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the ...  
**(Refrain)**

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the ... **(Refrain)**

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

## Now the Feast

### Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

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to the God of life and love and  
 free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
 er - more!

**Verse 1** *Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
 slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
 nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
 God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2** *Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
 for ev - er.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 3** *Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
 make us peo - ple of God; to make  
 all things new.

*to Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray,

**C: 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

### Scriptures

#### 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>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 <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Verse

*Congregation:*

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

*Optional Repeat*

### Gospel

#### John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>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 Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I

send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> 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.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written 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.

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## Children’s Message

## Sermon

## Song of the Day “You Are My King (Amazing Love)” by Billy James Foote

**VERSE**

E/G# A2 Bsus B E/G# A2

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I'm for-giv-en be-cause You were for-sak-en. I'm ac-cept-ed;

4 Bsus B E/G# A2 Bsus B

You were con-demned. I'm a-live and well, Your Spir-it is with-in me be-

**CHORUS**

7 A2 B E E A

-cause You died and rose a-gain. A-maz-ing love, how can it be

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11 E Bsus B A/B E A

that You, my King, would die for me? A-maz-ing love, I know it's true;

15 E Bsus B A/B BsuB A B E Fine

it's my joy to hon-or You. In all I do I hon-or You.

**BRIDGE**

20 E

You are my King, You are my King. Je-sus, You are my

26 D.C. at Fine

King. Je - sus, You are my King.

**Prayers of the People**

**P:** Merciful God,  
**C:** receive our prayer.

**MEAL**

**Offering**

**Offering Music**

**Offering Response** "As The Grains of Wheat"

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
 so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
 gath-ered in - to one in you.

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### Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

### Offering Prayer

A: Merciful God,

**C: 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



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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Congregation:*

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Special Music**

**Post-Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Holy One,

C: 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 Song**

"This Joyful Eastertide"

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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

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sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
 wake the dead in num - - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

**Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**C: Thanks be to God. And we will. Alleluia!**