



All Saints Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome here! Seriously, Everyone!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 12, 2026 at 9:30 am

Wales, WI

Welcome to Easter Sunday Worship!

Congregational Responses will be in Bold.

*For centuries, the Sunday following Easter has been celebrated as **Bright Sunday**- a day to continue the joy of the Resurrection with laughter and lightheartedness. It stems from the ancient theological idea of Risus Paschalis (the "Easter Laughter"): the concept that God played the ultimate practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead.*

Today, we embrace that divine joy by turning things a little topsy-turvy. You might notice the service feels a bit "upside down" or out of its usual order. Don't worry—you aren't lost! We are simply mirroring the beautiful disruption of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, the humble are exalted, and even death is turned inside out.

So, prepare to laugh, expect the unexpected, and join us as we celebrate a God who has the last laugh over the grave

PRELUDE

Judy Knoernschild

WELCOME & PRAYER REQUESTS

CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#836 vs 1-2

BLESSING

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And also with'.

Presider: *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'you. Lift up your hearts. We'.

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'lift them to the Lord. Let us give'.

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'thanks to the Lord our God. It is'.

right to give God thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'right to give God thanks and praise.'

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

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the hymn 'Holy'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and'.

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the hymn 'Holy'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your'.

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The image shows three staves of musical notation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -'. The third staff concludes the phrase with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.

Invitation to Communion

This is a table of grace where all are welcome! Please come forward to receive Holy Communion. For those of you who are with us online, please find some sort of bread and wine/juice at home to use and share during Communion. Feel free to say to one another, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you."

COMMUNION HYMN	"Lamb of God"	Printed on Insert
COMMUNION HYMN	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"	#385
COMMUNION HYMN	"Now the Green Blade Rises"	#379

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each prayer petition will end with:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The prayers will end with:

P: 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.

C: Amen

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We encourage you to share God's peace however you are comfortable.

Handshakes, high-5's, fist bumps, peace signs, and waves are all appropriate.

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship. We offer a portion of what God has blessed us with for the purpose of doing God's work in the world through the church. You can donate via collection plate, by scanning the QR Code, or Texting to Give at 262-233-1776.



OFFERING MUSIC

All Saints Ensemble

OFFERING RESPONSE "As Grains of Wheat"



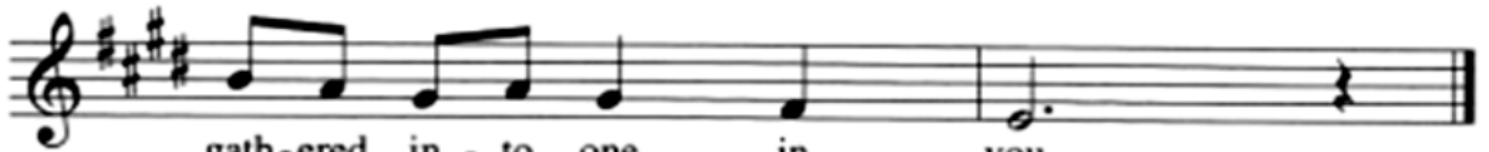
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



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.



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst



may we share the pres - ence of your love.



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.

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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.

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.

THE APOSTLES CREED

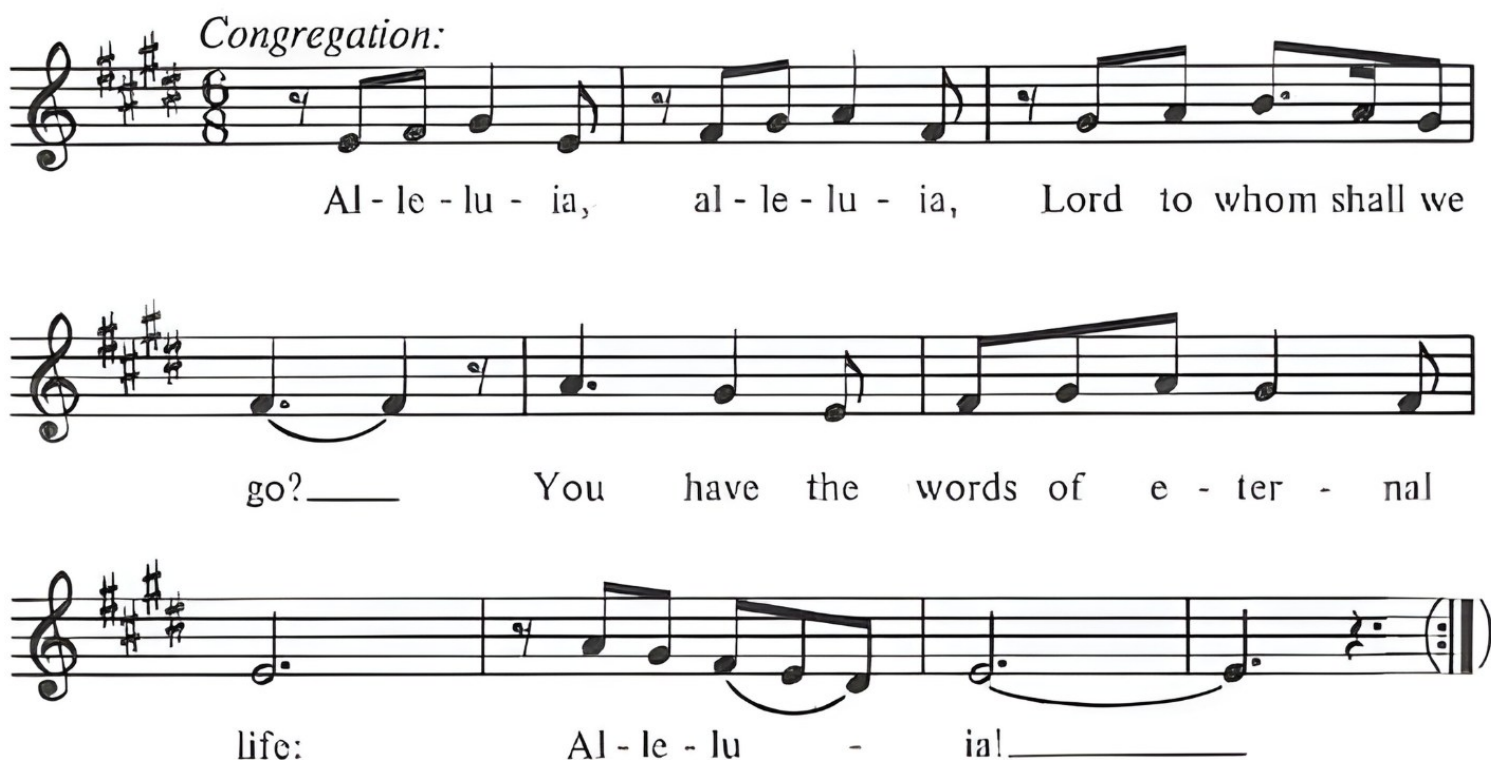
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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 Jews, 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 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.”

²⁶ 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.”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 written in this book.³¹ 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.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

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 dead⁴ 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{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.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Rose

HYMN OF THE DAY “Give To us Laughter” *to the tune of “Be Thou My Vision”*

Verse 1: Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.

Laughter can banish so much of our strife.

Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.

Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Verse 2: Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;

let us in laughing find Christian employ,

joining with stars and with bright northern lights,

laughing and praising and sharing delights.

**Verse 3: Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your promise among us increase.**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Saints Ensemble

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
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.

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

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.

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

KYRIE

P: 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. . .

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

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

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second for the Congregation. Both are in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part consists of a single melodic line. The Congregation's part is identical to the Assistant's. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The phrase "to Verses" is written at the end of the second staff.

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

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

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of musical notation, identical in structure and content to the first block. The Assistant and Congregation parts are in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The phrase "to Verses" is written at the end of the second staff.

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A men.

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Greeting

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.**

Invocation

P: We begin worship as we live our lives, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

#267 vs 1,2

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday!



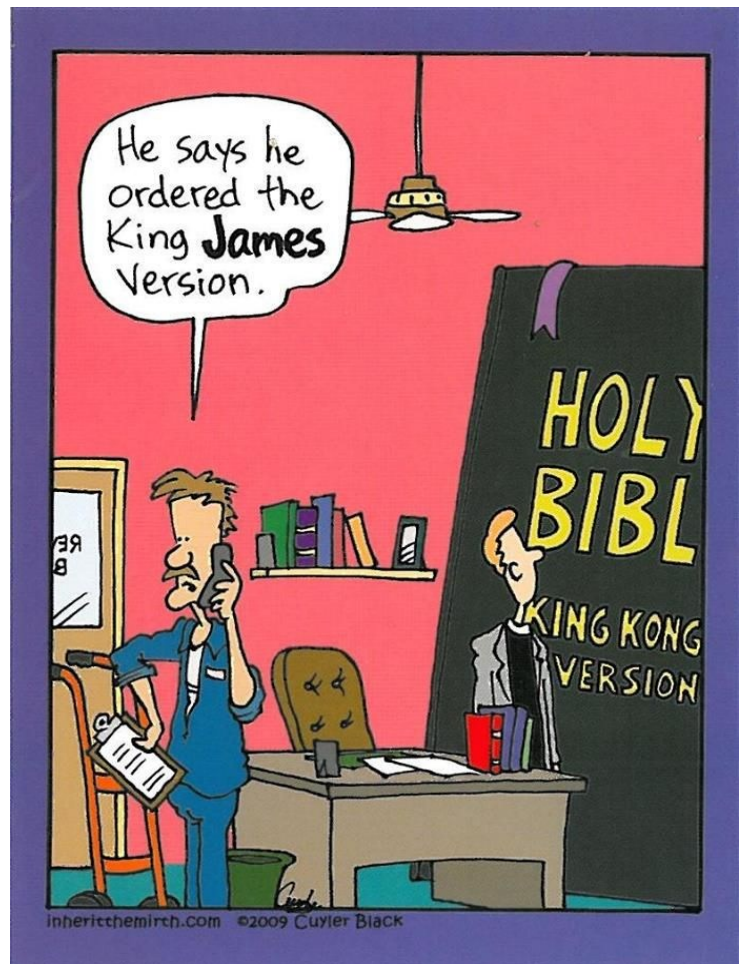
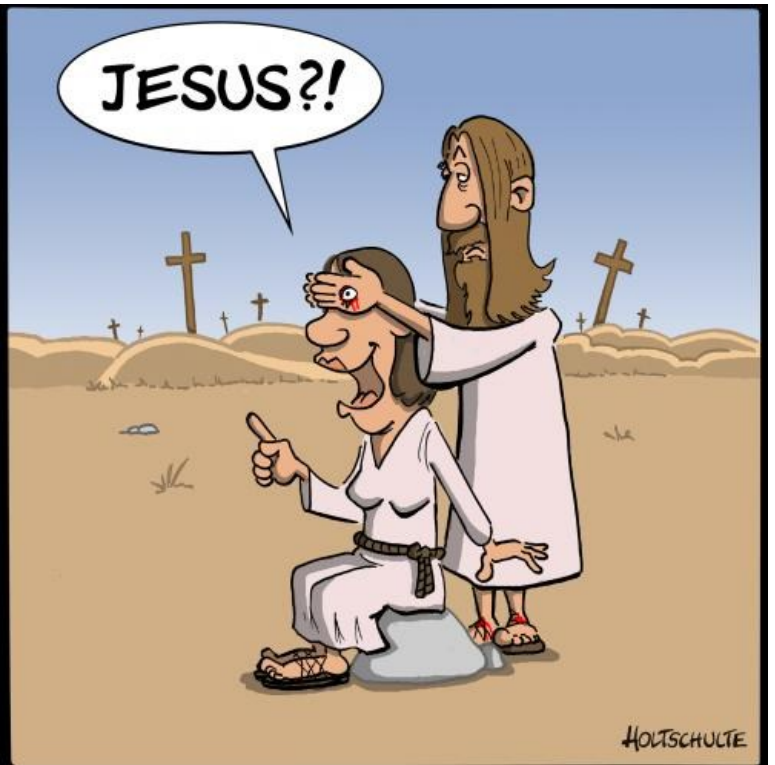
Worship Participants	Holy Humor Sunday, April 12 th	April 19 th
<i>Reader</i>	Florence Brehm	Tammy Zell
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Carol Renner and Nansi Hawkins	Brenda Calhoun and Nansi Hawkins
<i>Communion Prep</i>	Carol Renner	Brenda Calhoun
<i>Greeters</i>	Florence Brehm	Volunteer Needed
<i>Coffee Hosting</i>	Pam and Rick Gasper	J and Julie Mercer
<i>Ushers</i>	Tom and Rose Leben	Al and Kathy Theis

[To sign up for Greeters and Readers, you can scan the QR Code.](#)

Coffee Hosts can sign up in the kitchen.

Ushers are assigned by Greg Cholka.





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