



# Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Come & Worship + 10 am + Sunday, April 19, 2026  
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church + Edmonton, AB



## April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell  
Assisting Minister: Margie Nunweiler  
Ministers: Every member  
Ushers:

Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Jared Samborski  
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell  
Worship Host: Kaitlyn Alcontin

### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*” (ELW 384)

### Easter Greeting

**Kyrie & Gloria** - ELW Setting 7, p. 175

### Prayer of the Day

### Children’s Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup> For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

**Psalm 34:1-10** read responsively

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**<sup>2</sup> I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's name together.

**<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup> Look upon the Lord and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

**<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,  
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

**<sup>10</sup> The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**Gospel Acclamation** - ELW Setting 7, p. 179

**Gospel** Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood

still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **Sermon**

**Song of the DAY** '*Day of Arising*' (ELW 374)

**Statement of Faith** – written by Dan Sire

**I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.**

**I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.**

**I believe that in his life,**

**Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.**

**I believe that in his death,**

**Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.**

**I believe that in his resurrection,**

**Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.**

**I believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope,  
and love.**

**I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith;  
as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ  
through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S,  
Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

### **Peace**

**Offertory** “*The Church Song*” (W&P 135) ref, vs 3, ref

### **Offering Prayer**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

**The Lord’s Prayer** – contemporary sung

### **Invitation to Communion**

### **Communion Songs**

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 7, p. 1182

‘*Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks*’ (WOV 671)

‘*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*’ (WOV 754)

‘*I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*’ (ELW 860, WOV 673)

**Benediction** – ‘*Hope Everlasting*’ Liturgy of the Beloved

### **Community Life**

**Sending Song** ‘*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*’ (ELW 547)

### **Dismissal**

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