

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SERVICE OF THE WORD
April 12, 2026

PRELUDE: *Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

Dietrich Buxtehude

BAPTISMAL CONFESSION

L In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember the Paschal mystery: we have died and been buried with him in Holy Baptism [*Romans 6:1-11*]. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask you:

L Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

C **I reject them.**

L Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

C **I reject them.**

L Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbor?

C **I repent of them.**

L Let us remember those sins which trouble and weigh heavily on us:
Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Christ Jesus, you have destroyed death forever: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

L Lord Jesus, you have opened for us the way to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 384: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

EASTER GREETING

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L 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.

C Amen.

We sit

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."

L The Word of the Lord! **C Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 16 (*Sung responsively by whole verse*)



- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: I 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 dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Although 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.

L The Word of the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

We stand

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

We sing stanzas 1 & 2 before the reading, stanzas 3 & 4 after the reading

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing
2. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
3. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
4. Thomas as in faith with joy replied,
with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:
that they had seen the risen Lord,
and looking up on my hands, my feet;
see - ing Christ's feet, his hands, his side;
to - day the grave has lost its sting!
he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
not doubt - ing, but be - liev - ing be."
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; alt. RDH, 2025..
Tune: GELOBET SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570-1615

HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 20:19-31

Pr The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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.

Pr The Gospel of the Lord!

C Praise to you, O Christ!

We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HOMILY

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 392: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - Vs 1, 3 and 5

APOSTLES' CREED

All 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 FAITHFUL

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share a sign of the Lord's peace.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Hear My Words*

Stephen Paulus

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.
With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant, I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art holy, O my God; Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.
Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.*

L Let us pray:

C By your Word eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your Word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this goodness in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

L God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless us now and forever. **C Amen!**

FINAL HYMN ELW 389: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians sing – Vs 1,3,4 and 5*

DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord in gladness!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Praise to the Lord*

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

Guest Musician: Brent Holcomb

Announcements

Newsletter Articles are due to Stan Shealy by April 15th. Email mayorstan@att.net

Serving Today	
Lay Reader	Brandon Miller
Acolyte	Caleb Williams
Audio/Video	Williams Family
Communion Assistants	Tom Griffin, Travis Goodman, Wayne Addy
Altar Flowers	In Honor of Gabe and Brian Wingards Birthday by Jerry and Vicky Shealy

Serving Next Sunday – April 19	
Lay Reader	Stephanie Stoudemayer
Acolyte	Caleb Williams
Audio/Video	Rod Davis and Barry McCall
Communion Assistants	Russ Burleson, Rod Davis, Brandon Miller
Altar Flowers	Bonnie & Benny Counts in memory of Parents, Alvin & Naomi Counts and Bill & Dolly Barnes

<i>Please keep the following in your prayers:</i>		<i>Stewardship</i>
<i>Bishop Ginny Aebischer Janelle Barrett Lois Bundrick Dan DeFreese Jesse Frick Kevin Frick Louis Kolb Pastor Bruce Kreutzer</i>	<i>Sarah Longshore Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts Bill Moser Emma Olsen Tillman Prince Margaret Robinson Peggy Roche Bill Stockdell</i>	Thank you for your generosity! To give online, scan the QR code or visit mthoreb.net/donate . 
	<i>Can we pray for you?</i> <i>Visit mthoreb.net to submit a request.</i> <i>Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the monthly newsletter.</i>	<i>Easter Sunday Attendance</i> 7 am: 52 10 am: 193

This Week at a Glance

<u>SUN</u>	April 12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Worship & Holy Communion Council Meeting
<u>MON</u>	April 13	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Visitation Team Chapin Chirpers Lutheran Men in Mission
<u>TUES</u>	April 14	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings practice Dutch Fork Choral Society
<u>WED</u>	April 15	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
<u>THUR</u>	April 16	9:30 a.m.	Pray and Play

Lutheran Men in Mission

LMM will meet on Monday, **April 13th** at 6:30. Our guest speaker will be Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon. Ladies are invited! Please sign up at the Welcome Center!

Pray and Play!

The Pray and Play Mah Jongg group will resume play on Thursday **April 16** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. There will be games of Scrabble available as well as decks of cards. Other games will be added as we continue to grow this group. All are welcome! Come join the fun!



The weather is PERFECT for OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for outdoor worship NEXT SUNDAY, **April 19th**. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Spring as we gather to praise God under the trees of the Amick Property.



The **Fellowship Team** will meet next Sunday, April 19th after worship service. Anyone who wants to join this fun team is welcome to attend!

Luthereaders meet Tuesday, April 21st, 5:30 p.m. Please join Luthereaders Book Club as we dive into the NY Times bestseller, "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak, on Tuesday, April 21st at 5:30 PM. We will enjoy dinner and a lively discussion of the book. Please contact Leigh Bebber for more information at (803) 466-1976.



If you know of a church member, whether it is a family member, friend, or acquaintance who has been unable to attend Sunday services or other events at Mt. Horeb, and would like to receive a visit from the Visitation Team, please let the church office know by calling 803-345-2000 or emailing the frontdesk@mthoreb.com



Mark Your Calendars for Spaghetti Dinner

Join us on April 23rd for a Spaghetti Dinner supporting our Preschool and our Preschool Families. Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Preschool Art Show and Book Fair. Come for an opportunity for fellowship while we support our Preschool!

Dutch Fork Choral Society Spring Concert! **"The Road We Share: Songs of Journey and Home"**

- **April 24, 2026** (Friday) at Lake Murray Presbyterian @ 2721 Dutch Fork Rd, Chapin, SC 29036
- **April 26, 2026** (Sunday) at Shandon Presbyterian @ 607 Woodrow St, Columbia, SC 29205

Seven selections from Randall Thompson's *Frostiana* will be performed including the familiar "The Road Not Taken" and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening". Other selections will be Althouse's "Shenandoah", Copeland's "Simple Gifts", Paulas' "The Road Home" and J Moore's "Will the Circle Be Unbroken". Four members of the Mt. Horeb Choir sing with the DFCS. Practices are held each week at Mt. Horeb.

Welcome Pamela Alford as our Administrative Assistant! Pamela comes to Mt. Horeb through the Apple One Agency. She is an SC State University Graduate with a BS in Business Administration. She spent many years with Blue Cross Blue Shield with IT leadership responsibilities before retirement. We are excited about Pamela joining our mission here at Mt. Horeb. Pamela begins on Monday, April 13th. Her office hours will be 9:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

*To Our Dear Church Family,
My heart is so full of love and appreciation. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and meals while I was recovering from hip surgery. I have missed so much being with you all! Hope to see you all soon! Thank you for being with Tom and I and being our blessings!
Love to all,
Loretta Griffin*

Memorials

Thank you all for your thoughtful contributions in memory of your family, friends, and loved ones.

In Memory of Skip Barrett, given by:

Glenda Lindler

Bernie & Faye Hawkins

In Memory of Jane Ramsey, given by:

Mary F. Shealy

Ken Frick

James C & Mary C Perry





READER

Easter 2

- Today is the **second Sunday** in **Easter**.
- The color for the season of Easter is **white**.

Color Clues

Find all of these things that are white in the word search. Then look for the three letters that you form with the circled words. They will spell a word that tells what the color **white** means.

O	K	H	C	P	S	O	A	P	S	R	W	D	F	L	M
I	L	E	O	E	N	L	U	C	E	W	O	D	P	O	A
R	I	A	C	A	O	T	A	L	T	S	A	R	O	L	B
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L	P	J	U	S	R	Y	V	D	E	G	I	I	D	H	T
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L	I	L	Y	T	S	N	O	W	T	F	R	O	Y	O	U

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