

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 11:15am

## Pre-service Music

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 203*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**Psalm 124:8**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**Psalm 130:3**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

*(Silence for prayerful confession)*

### Absolution

### Song:

**"Blessed Be Your Name"**  
by Matt Redman

**Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name**

**(Chorus): Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name**

**(Chorus)**

**(BRIDGE) You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name (Repeat Bridge)**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Song:**

**"Goodness of God"**

**Jason Ingram and Ben Fielding**

**I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

**(Chorus): And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

**I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
And in darkest nights  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God**

**(Chorus): And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

**(Bridge): Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me, With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now. I give You everything  
'Cause Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me**

**(Bridge): Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me, With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now. I give You everything  
'Cause Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me**

**(Chorus): And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able.  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.**

**(Chorus): 'Cause all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able.  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.**

### **Prayer Time Concluded with Our 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.**

**Song:**

**"King of Kings"**

By Jason Ingram & Brooke Ligertwood

**(Verse 1):**

**In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes**

**To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt**

**(Chorus):**

**Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings**

**(Verse 2):**

**To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross**

**For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died**

**(Chorus)**

**(Verse 3):**

**And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death**

**And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come**

To the Father are restored

(Verse 4):

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

Welcome

*Pastor Randy Bard*

Children's Time

*DCE Jeff Bellach*

First Reading

*Acts 2:42–47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**A** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

**A** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** He has put all things under his feet. Amen.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel Reading

*John 10:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon: Devoted To ...**

*Pastor Tim Eden*

### **Our Offerings to the Lord**

*(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at [www.blcbcs.org](http://www.blcbcs.org))*

**LWML MITE Gathering**—When the Offering Plate has passed by, please bring your Mites forward. If you do not have a Mite Box but wish to contribute to this Mission Offering, please come forward and put it in the Big Mite Box.

## **Benediction**

## **Closing Song:**

### **“How Great Is Our God”**

by Chris Tomlin

**The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice**

**(Chorus): How great is our God  
Sing with me, How great is our God  
And all will see how great, How great is our God**

**And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End. Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)**

**(Bridge): Name above all names, Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God**

**(Repeat bridge)**

**(Chorus 2 times)**

## **Announcements**

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