



# *Easter*

*Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish*

*Peace Lutheran Church*

*Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church*

# *Easter Sunday*

*April 5, 2026*

*We welcome visitors into our community!  
May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!*

\* Indicates when congregation stands.  
Hearing assistance is available

## **PRELUDE**

Ruth Gordon

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **HYMN**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**#365**

## **EASTER GREETING**

Pastor: He is risen

**All: He is risen indeed!**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**All:** God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **\*HYMN**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

**#379**

### **\*GOSPEL:**

**Mark 16:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right

side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Anderson**

## **\*HYMN**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

**#392 (Versus 1-4)**

## **\*THE PRAYERS**

**Pastor:** ... Lord in your mercy,

**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.

## **OFFERING**

*(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection box is available at the back of the sanctuary. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at [www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving](http://www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving).)*

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*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.

### **Distribution**

(The distribution will be processional and the ushers will guide you. All who believe there is forgiveness of sin available in this meal that is offered by Christ Himself are welcome to come forward. Communion will be served by intinction. The pastor and assistant give the bread and wine, with these words: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Touch the wafer to the wine or juice.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (vs. 1-4)*  
*Thine Is the Glory*  
*Beautiful Savior*

**#619**  
**#376**  
**#838**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Ruth Gordon

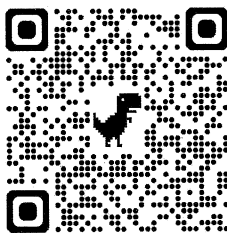
*The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish would like to  
extend a **SPECIAL WELCOME** to any  
visitors worshipping with us today.  
It is our hope that you would sense God's  
presence in our gatherings.  
We are glad you are here.*

**WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!**

Contact us at (715) 824-5615 or  
email [trchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trchurch@gmail.com)

For more information, go to [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org)

For those who wish to give with a credit or debit card or  
via EFT from your bank account, please use this QR code.



Thank you for your faith filled support for the ministries of  
the church.



# THE MESSENGER



The weekly newsletter of the  
Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish  
Pretty much everything you need to know...  
Guaranteed mostly reliable! And it's free!  
**We welcome our visitors!**

## Calendar for April 5 to April 12

Sun., Apr 5	Worship Service (AM)	8:30 am
	Worship Service (NV)	10:15 am
	Livestream Worship (trchurch.org)	10:15 am
Mon., Apr 6	TRACK Food Pantry (AM)	8:00 am
	Red Cross Blood Drive	12:00pm
Tues., Apr 7	LWR Quilting (NV)	9:00 am
	AA Meeting (AM)	10:30 am
Weds., Apr 8	Do Group (AM)	12:30 pm
	No Confirmation Classes	
Thurs., Apr 9	TRACK (AM)	5:00 pm
Sat., Apr 11	Spring Clean Up (AM)	10:00am
Sun., Apr 12	Worship Service (AM)	8:30 am
	Worship Service (NV)	10:15 am
	Livestream Worship (trchurch.org)	10:15 am

**PEACE SPRING CLEAN UP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are invited to join us for the annual spring clean-up at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 11th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Many hands make light work, and your help would be greatly appreciated. Please consider lending your time and effort to this important project. We recommend bringing a rake and a pair of work gloves. Due to the recent ice storm, we are also seeking individuals who have access to chainsaws and are experienced in their safe operation. Thank you in advance for your support—we look forward to working together to care for our church grounds.



Hearing devices are available for those in need, on the information counter. For those with hearing aids, please turn on your telecoil.

**If you would like to talk to a council member about an idea or concern, call or email the church office and we will put you in touch.**

**Interested in joining the Tomorrow River Parish?  
Please contact the parish office: [trchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trchurch@gmail.com) or 715-824-5615**

**More information is available on our website: [www.trchurch.org](http://www.trchurch.org)**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

**Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.** When a disaster hits a community the very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement they need. Please donate new items from now through Lent--bath-size soap, adult size toothbrush (multi-packs accepted), sturdy comb, metal nail clipper, light-weight bath towel, dark color recommended (between 20" x 40" minimum and 27" x 52" maximum). Monetary gifts are welcome if you don't like to shop—we will shop for you. In 2025, Nelsonville Church sent 213 Personal Care Kits to LWR! Thank-you! Example of kit items can be viewed in the Narthex.

**Church Directory:** We are working on a new church directory. Scan the QR code to schedule your free head shot. Photos will be taken at Peace Church April 28th, 29th and 30th.



**Bible Camp Scholarship Opportunities:** Nelsonville members, please consider sending your child to Bible Camp. Scholarship covers one-half of early registration fee. Contact the church office for more information.

**If you know how to knit or crochet and you have a little spare time,** can you make some baby sweaters for the Baby Care Kits? Patterns are available at the church office and online at [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org), under *LWR*. Or call and we'll send them to you.

**Sunday School is for children 3K through 6th grade.** Peace Sunday School starts at 9:15, Nelsonville Sunday School starts at 9:30. Kids can go to either class and switch back and forth as parents' schedules allow.

**Time on your hands? Become an artist.** Don't pick up a brush or paint, instead pick up needles, thread, and material. **Become a Peace Quilter.** Quilt Kits are available in the fireside room every Sunday at Peace during Social Sunday. **Create . . . a Quilt!**

**TRACK Food Pantry – TRACK** (Tomorrow River Area Community Kitchen) provides food for families with needs in the Tomorrow River School District area. **Hours: Monday 8:00 to 10:00 am and Thursday 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Peace.** **Donations can be dropped off during church service at either church, or during office hours at Peace: M, T, Th, F 8:15 am —1 pm**

### DAILY LECTIONARY for April 5—April 12

**Sun Apr 5:** Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 (7) 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Luke 24:13-49

**Mon Apr 6:** Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Colossians 3:5-11 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**Tue Apr 7:** Exodus 15:1-18 Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**Wed Apr 8:** Joshua 3:1-17 Matthew 28:1-10 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**Thu Apr 9:** Song of Songs 2:8-15 Colossians 4:2-5 Psalm 16

**Fri Apr 10:** Song of Songs 5:9— 6:3 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 16

**Sat Apr 11:** Song of Songs 8:6-7 John 20:11-20 Psalm 16

**Sun Apr 12:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32 25 Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

## *IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS*

*As of April 5th, 2026*

**Family and Friends of Karen Ostrowski**

**Family and Friends of Tom Gillette**

**Family and Friends of Martha Cook**

**A couple wanting to adopt**

**Charlie I.**, recovering after hospitalization for the flu

**A woman** with a tumor on her brain stem

**Don R.** Recovering from a minor stroke (Father of Erica L)

**Steve**, Recovering from Surgery (Mark H's brother)

**Carlos**, AHS Graduate in process of being deported

**Chuck Q.**, recovering from stroke (brother of Mert W.)

**John P.** Stage 4 Sarcoma Cancer, under going Chemo Therapy (Son of Tom and Peggy)

**Mary W.** Recovering in Rehab (Sister of Tim P)

**Marilyn**, pea-size brain tumor (friend of Pam B.)

**Steve S.**, recovering from hospitalization (Diana B.'s brother)

**Two men** recovering from kidney transplants

**Joyce**, diagnosed with cancer (Cathi W.'s friend)

**Stacey**, multiple devastating health issues (Cathi W.'s niece)

**Sabrina**, a baby with severe congestive heart failure, waiting for new heart (friends of Mark & Lisa C.)

**Tom S.**, additional treatment

**Patty H.**, in palliative care (Lynda S.'s sister)

**Sandi**, diagnosed with cancer (friend of Lynette G.)

**Betsy and Al S.**, prayers for healing (friends of Dean & Gloria O.)

**Russ**, auto-immune disease, on liver transplant list (Cindy R.'s nephew)

**Jen K.**, suffering from vertigo and migraine (Lynda S.'s daughter)

**A young couple** dealing with fertility issues

**A woman** in stage 4 renal failure

**Rebecca**, prayers for health and healing

**Young people** dealing with addictions and mental health issues

**For the innocents in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran & the surrounding countries**

**For the Rulers of the Nations: That they may be wise and good**

**That God would Humble the Aggressor, Strengthen the Righteous, Protect the Innocent and Help us to find a Just Peace**

**Members of our military and their families, as they continue to serve**

**Our members with limited mobility and those who are homebound**

**Our companion congregations at Chaneng and Silkatskop in South Africa**

**Members of our councils, as they make critical decisions regarding the ministries of the Church**

*We pray for those who have asked to be on our prayer list, and only publish names when given explicit permission. We will keep people on the prayer list for up to six weeks, unless specifically asked to keep them on longer. If you are aware of any changes that need to be addressed on the prayer list, please contact the church office. Thank you.*