

Easter Lily Dedications

In loving memory of Matthew ~ Bob & Kitty Long

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren ~ Tommy & MaryGene Tedford

In honor of Women's Fellowship Group ~ Tommy & MaryGene Tedford



**GOOD SHEPHERD
CHURCH**

ECUMENICAL EASTER VIGIL LITURGY

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 AT 5:00 PM



Welcome

Father Taylor Tracy

(Outside with the Paschal fire)

Tonight, we gather in sacred unity to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. While we come from distinct traditions, we are one in baptism and one in our proclamation: Christ is risen.

This Vigil unfolds in four parts:

1. The Service of Light
2. The Liturgy of the Word
3. Renewal of Baptismal Promises
4. Conclusion and Sending Forth

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I. The Service of Light



Blessing of the Fire & the Paschal Candle

✠ In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Pastor Edd: Let us pray.

O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these Easter celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendor. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Father Taylor will bless the Paschal candle



Procession with the Paschal Candle

Father Taylor: The Light of Christ. All: Thanks be to God.

(Repeated three times as the candle processes: outside, at the sanctuary doors, at the altar)

The clergy and people follow Pastor Edd with the paschal candle

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*In loving memory of Don Higginbotham
~ RoseMarie Higginbotham*

In loving memory of Becky Dovel ~ Greg Dovel

In honor of my Children, my Grandchildren, & my Great-Grandchildren ~ Darlus Wolff

*In loving memory of Henry & Mary Schimanski
~ David Schimanski*

To the glory of God ~ Mary Engebretson

In loving memory of our Parents ~ Rena & Gayle Mason

In honor of Family ~ Norma Weaver

In loving memory of Bill Stenzel ~ Carol Stenzel

To the glory of God ~ Carol Stenzel

In loving memory of Our Parents ~ Ray & Kris Smither

In loving memory of Maurice & Margaret Lamb & Vickie Sue Groenke ~ Steve & Sandy Fogt

In loving memory Norman & Donna Ruth Fogt

To the glory of God ~ Keith, Julia, & Anya Kuhn

To the glory of God ~ Marilyn Johnson

In loving memory of Jerry Shireman ~ Jennifer Shireman

In loving memory of Dena McMillin ~ Jennifer Shireman

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In honor of our siblings and the love they share ~ Julie & Mark Sherbo

In loving memory of Dan Wolf ~ Lorrie Wolf

In honor of Family ~ Connie & Don Bennett

In loving memory of Jack & Jason Efaw ~ Lona Efaw

In honor of our Parents ~ Armand & Jo Matthews

In loving memory of Todd Matthews ~ Armand & Jo Matthews

To the Glory of God ~ Dennis & Lisa Eckold

In loving memory of Bob & Bobbie Nelson ~ Lloyd & Pam Kerns

In loving memory of Jay Williams & Paul Campbell ~ Alan & Jen Williams

In loving memory of Myron & Betty Schultz

In loving memory of Dr. Jeffrey Luerding

In loving memory of Marvin & Helen Muller, Alfred & Alberta Sick ~ David & Carolyn Sick

*In honor of the Birth of our Grandson, August James Smith
~ Dale & Elaine Brouk*

In honor of Family ~ David & Carol Kuhr

In loving memory of Christopher ~ Bob & Kitty Long



Exultet

(EASTER PROCLAMATION CHANTED BY ALAYNA)

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

II. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



The First Reading

GENESIS 1:1–2:2

(GLORIA DEI LECTOR)

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth...

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.



The Second Reading

EXODUS 14:15–15:1

(GOOD SHEPHERD LECTOR)

The Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response: Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

V. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

VI. FINAL BLESSING

Leader: May almighty God bless you through today’s Easter Solemnity...

All: Amen.



Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW # 365



Profession of Faith

(APOSTLES' CREED)

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.



Sprinkling Rite

(Assembly is sprinkled with blessed water)

HYMN

“Baptized In Water” ELW # 456

IV. PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: United in Christ, let us offer our prayers.

(Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)



The Third Reading

ISAIAH 55:1–11

(GLORIA DEI LECTOR)

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.



The Epistle

ROMANS 6:3–11

(GOOD SHEPHERD LECTOR)

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The Gospel

THE RESURRECTION

(FATHER JIM)

Father Jim: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Father Jim: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to _____.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Resurrection Gospel proclaimed)

Father Jim: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily

Pastor Edd Wunderlich

HYMN

“Be Not Afraid” ELW # 388

III. RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES



Blessing of Water

(FATHER TAYLOR)

Father Taylor: O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs...

All: Amen.



Renunciation of Sin

Father Taylor: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Pastor Edd: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Father Jim: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

All: I do.

Concluding Prayer