

APRIL 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Opfermanns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the even - ing star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves ob - ey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your child - ren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The chords used are D, A7, G, Bm, and A. The lyrics are: "We ___ pray for peace, O Lord, make play -shares of our swords, make ___ plow -shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you. Lord, have mer - cy on ___ us, have mer - cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on ___ us: hear us when we cry to you. Christ ___ make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un - til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you. Christ, have mer - cy on ___ us, have mer - cy on us, Christ, have mer - cy on ___ us: hear us when we cry to you."

D A7 D G D A

We ___ pray for peace, O Lord, make play -shares of our swords, make ___

D G D A D Bm A7 D

plow -shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

D A7 D G D A

Lord, have mer - cy on ___ us, have mer - cy on us, Lord, have

D G D A D Bm A7 D

mer - cy on ___ us: hear us when we cry to you.

D A7 D G D A

Christ ___ make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -

D G D A D Bm A7 D

- til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

D A7 D G D A

Christ, have mer - cy on ___ us, have mer - cy on us, Christ, have

D G D A D Bm A7 D

mer - cy on ___ us: hear us when we cry to you.

De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and
 root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.
 Lord, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, Lord, have
 mer - cy on us: hear our cry. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Abundant God, we give you thanks for the fruitful earth, which produces what is needed for life. Bless those who work in the fields; grant favorable weather to all engaged in agriculture; and help us to ensure that all people share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-19a

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem,¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acclamation

The assembly stands.

Gospel: John 12:24

The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**


24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON


HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*

[CAPO 3]
G D7 G




1 God, whose farm is all _____ cre - a - tion, take the
2 Take our plow - ing, seed _____ -ing, reap - ing, hopes and
3 All our lab - or, all _____ our watch -ing, all our

D G A D G



gra - - ti - tude we give; take the fin - - est
fears of sun and rain, all our think - ing,
cal - - en - dar of care in these crops of

D7 G D7 G



of our _____ har - vest, crops we grow that we may live.
plan -ning, _____ wait - ing, ri - pened in this fruit and grain.
your cre _____ a - tion, take, O God: they are our prayer.

HOLY BAPTISM

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font...

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates, parents, sponsors, and the assembly.

As a people, we embrace you with this confession, proclaiming our shared trust in the lovingkindness of God.

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.**

We give you thanks, O God...

The presider gives a lighted candle to the newly baptized, saying:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

The assembly greets the newly baptized with acclamation.

Those who have gathered at the font return to their places.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition the congregation responds: **L: Lord, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

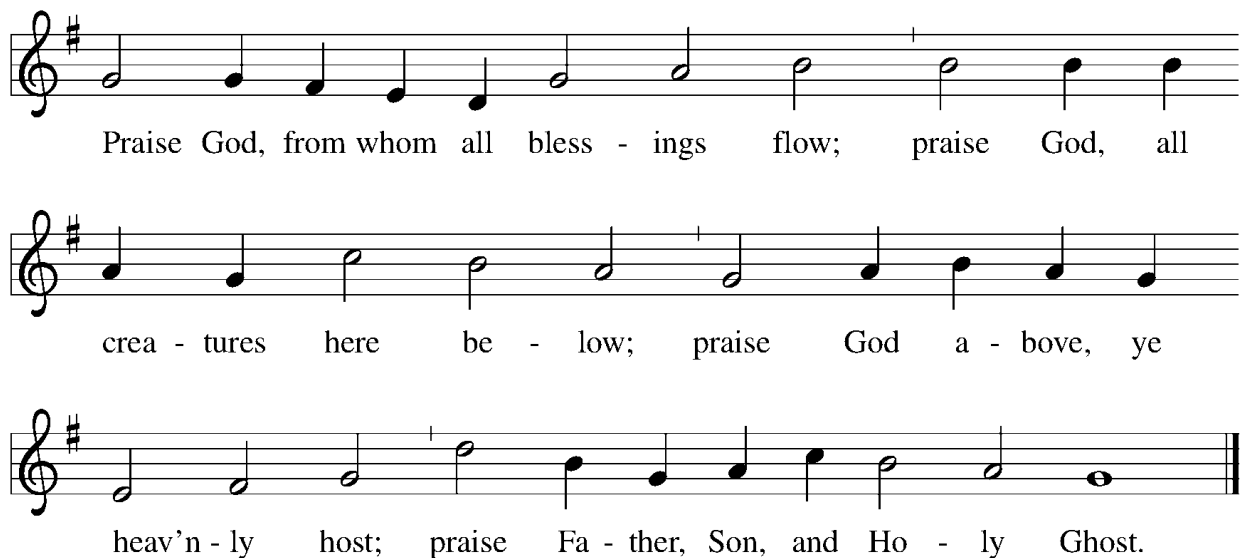
And also with you.

OFFERING

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Offertory Song



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving generosity; and make us faithful caretakers of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Invite those communing at home

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you.

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who desire the Lord's Supper are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's invitation, come forward along the side aisle and remain standing as you gather around the altar railing. When everyone has gathered at the railing, you may kneel or remain standing. Receive the wafer of bread in your hands. You may also request a gluten-free wafer. Then take a small cup from the tray: white grape juice is in the center and red wine is around the edge. Deposit your cup in the basket when you are finished and return to your seat down the center aisle. We invite children and those not receiving the bread and wine to come forward to receive a blessing at the altar railing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, our Creator, from the earth you bring forth fruits and vegetables, grains and flowers, to nourish and delight us. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF SEEDS, SOIL AND WATER

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
And you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand
And satisfy the needs of every living creature.

(holding up the seeds) God, Creator of the Heaven and Earth, you give seed to the planter. Nourish, protect, and bless the seed sown in hope. By your goodness may it bring forth fruit and be gathered with thanksgiving to satisfy the needs of your people. **Amen.**

(holding up the soil) God, Giver of Life, thank you for freshening grass, budding trees, and unfolding plants and all new life arising from winter's sleep. Make this soil fertile so that the earth may yield her increase and life may flourish. **Amen.**

(holding up the water) God, Fountain of Grace, by your loving kindness you sustain all life. Send us good weather. Protect us from storms. Save us from drought. Bless the dew and rain, that our fields may yield abundant harvests. **Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord,
And your faithful servants bless you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and for building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death; Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets; Mary, the mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past, in whom your Spirit spoke and moved. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless the pastures and meadows, all growing grass and green fields. May the soil be wholesome and the crops good. May the weather be favorable and the workers of good heart. And may God who gives breath and life to the sower, multiply the seed sown and increase its fruits. May God be with us for evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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This morning we **welcome Jim & Tammy Opfermann**. They will **share their musical talents** with us throughout our worship service.

Baptized at our baptismal font **this morning** is Jack Michael Lewandowski, son of Brooke and Tyler Lewandowski. Jack was born on February 07, 2026 in Toledo, Ohio. His sponsors are Ashley Montri and Camden Riegel.

The **Annual Blessing of the Seed, Soil & Sower** is this morning, too. We will pray for **God's blessing** over the **planting season, the gift of the land, and those who labor** in the fields. We have small samples of blessed soil, plants and seeds for kids (or anyone) to take home.

Our **Holy Grounds** crew **maintains the landscaping** around the perimeter of our building on **Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.** with refreshments and conversations following. There is **something for everyone**. **All are welcome**--many hands are needed!

It's time for the Spring **Adopt-a-Road** clean up. We'll meet in The Gathering Place **Sunday April 26 at 2 PM** to hit the road (Dunbar Rd between Lewis Ave & Martell). Kinzie Green is heading it up this year. **Everyone's participation** is appreciated. **Youth ages 12 & up** are encouraged to help, **too**. One adult for every three youth is needed. Please **sign up** in the narthex or let Kinzie know you'll be there!

All confirmed women of Prince of Peace are members of **WELCA**. The next **WELCA meeting** is **Sunday, May 03** in the Community Center lobby at 10:15 AM. Get your coffee and goodies and join in on the discussion and planning of upcoming events.

As you are doing your **Spring cleaning** keep **WELCA's annual rummage sale** is **May 16th**, during Ida Community Day in mind. Area garage sales are publicized, and a list of all the sales will be available at the Ida Library. Save your **gently used items**. Please make sure **all parts** are with the item and **everything works**. Drop off info, etc. coming soon. Contact Kim Cramer at 313-600-9297 or cramergirls09@gmail.com with questions

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Local Events...

Sun Apr 19 – Whiteford High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Todd Schriber @ IHM Motherhouse Chapel 610 W Elm Ave Monroe 48162 @ 3 PM

Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Blake Gobrecht and Hope Arnold

Altar Guild – Betty Nickel, Roxie Boll, Jean Lloyd

Fellowship Hour – Joy Fox w/donations from Laura Woelmer & Brenda Rath

Liturgical Minister – Tim Smith

Media – Elizabeth Roose

Organist – Ray Smith

Special Music – Jim and Tammy Opfermann

Ushers – Dick Leonard, Head Usher; Don Griffith, Larry Kreps and Gary Miller

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9 AM

Seed, Soil & Sower Blessing

Fellowship Hour – 10 AM

Sunday School & Catechism - 10:15 AM

Tuesday: Alcohol Anonymous - 7 PM

Wednesday: Mid-Week Worship – 7 PM

Thursday: Holy Grounds – 9 AM

Pickleball – 6 PM

Friday: Bunco – 1 PM

Coming Soon:

Sun Apr 26 – Kids Handbells Play during Worship Service

Sun Apr 26 – First Communion Class – 11:15 AM

Sun May 03 – First Communion Celebration– 9 AM

Sun May 03 – Last Day of Sunday School

Sun May 03 – WELCA Meeting – 10:15 AM

Sun May 03– Teacher & Youth Worker Appreciation

Sun May 10 – Mother’s Day

Sat May 16 – WELCA Rummage Sale

Sun May 17 – Affirmation of Baptism for Catechism 8th graders

Mon May 18 – IKC Preschool Graduation - 6 PM

Wed May 20 – Cemetery Memorial Day Service – 6 PM

Sun May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

Fri. & Sat. May 29-30 – Synod Assembly in Farmington Hills

Sun May 31 – Graduation Sunday

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026 **11:15-2:00 PM**

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION SUN MAY 03

RSVP to kim@princeofpeaceida.org

