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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO OFLC!

We are pleased that you decided to join us in worship this morning. We hope you'll feel at home here, and God's presence! We have a few helpful notes for you on the service to do that:

All hymns are in the red hymnal in the pew in front of you, or under your pew seat. You can find them using the number next to the hymn in the order of service.

The **bold** text indicates parts of the service where the whole congregation is invited to speak together.

Communion is celebrated at the front of the sanctuary at the communion rail. All are welcome to receive God's gift of grace, without exception. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive communion, but not at the rail, please let the service coordinator know and they will assist you!

Offering is not required to be with us in worship today, but we greatly appreciate any contribution you wish to make!

Here at OFLC, we don't have pre-scheduled worship assistants. We allow folks to help out as the Spirit leads them, and that includes visitors as well! If you'd like to take part in worship, please see a service coordinator before the service and they'll be happy to involve you!

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TREASURERS REPORT - 2026 March Overview

March giving was **more than budgeted** by \$7,211

Expenses \$20,711 against a budget of \$20,309; **under budget** by \$402

General cash **decreased** by \$2,140 due to the continued giving for the general fund to be less than expenses.

Designated funds also **increased** by \$7,885 mostly due to a donation for Nourishing Hope.

	Actual 2026	Budget	Better/ (Worse)
March			
Giving	\$ 28,253	\$ 21,042	\$ 7,211
Total Expenses	20,711	20,309	402
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 7,542	\$ 733	\$ 6,809

Total Unrestricted (General) Cash	February	March	Inc/(Dec)
General Fund /Petty Cash	\$ 25,740	\$ 23,600	\$ (2,140)
Thrivent	\$ 2,451	\$ 2,495	\$ 44
Total General Fund Cash Balance	\$ 28,191	\$ 26,095	\$ (2,096)

Total Restricted (Designated) Cash	February	March	Inc/(Dec)
Nourishing Hope	30,318	35,318	5,000
Building Improvements	26,003	28,060	2,057
Ministry	20,017	20,845	828
Other	6,590	6,589	(0)

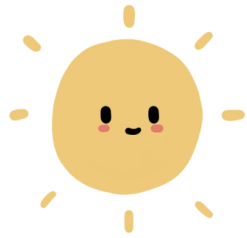
Total Designated Cash	\$ 82,928	\$ 90,812	\$ 7,885
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TOTAL CASH	\$ 111,118	\$ 116,907	\$ 5,789
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There are a variety of ways we give to God. We recognize that all things belong to God and come from God, therefore we are stewards and caretakers of these gifts. We honor God through the giving of our time, talent, and money. Your donations support the ministries and programs at Our Father's Church.





APRIL 19 - 26

Sunday

Worship - 9 am

Sunday School during Worship Service

Biscuits & Gravy after Worship Service

Monday

Office hours 11 am-2 pm

Old Den & Young Den - 6 pm (Education Room)

AA Meeting 7-8 pm (Conference Room)

BAS Troop 3490 - 7 pm

Tuesday

PD@ThePub 4:30 - 6 pm at Billy's in Rockford

Girl Scout Troop 18757 - 6 pm (Education Room)

Wednesday

BIBLE STUDY - 10 am (Fellowship Hall)

AFS House Quilt Group - 10 am (Education Room)

Office hours 1 - 4 pm

Bells at 5:30 pm

E & C - 6:00-7:30 pm

Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday

Sewing/Quilting Ministry - 9 am

Girl Scout Troop 48141 - 6 pm (Education Room)

Friday

Carolyn Miske Funeral - 10 am Review, 11 am Service

Office hours 11 am-2 pm

Twin Hearts Meditation - 6 pm (Prayer Room)

Men's Retreat until Saturday

Saturday

Private Event - GS Father/Daughter Dance 4-8 pm

Sunday

Worship - 9 am

Sunday School during Worship Service



WELCOME

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG **ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!** **#377**
(Please stand as able)

Pastor: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY **THE RIVER** **E + C GROUP**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING **ACTS 2:14a, 36-41** **Pg 885**
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 (Read Responsively)

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- 2 **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- 3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- 4 **Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

CLOSING HYMN **AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING** **#362 (vs 1, 2 & 8)**
(Please stand as able)

SENDING Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

WHEN? APRIL 26 AT 10AM

**THANK
YOU!**


**YOU ALL ARE SO
APPRECIATED!**

**A VERY SPECIAL APPRECIATION EVENT TO HONOR
ALL OF OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS:**
SERVICE COORDINATORS, SS AND E&C TEACHERS,
KITCHEN HELPERS, COUNTERS, CLEANERS,
GREETERS, MEALS ON WHEELS, AND SO MANY
MORE THAT THERE ISN'T ROOM TO NAME . . .

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE ALL OF YOU!!**

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! APRIL 26 AT 10AM

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to God’s Table, without exception! We believe that when we gather together at the communion rail, Christ comes to be among us in the bread and wine. We experience God’s grace together in a very real and powerful way that strengthens us for life’s journey! If you do not wish to receive communion, or if you feel your child is not yet ready to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. **If you are unable to come to the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let a communion assistant know and communion will be brought to you.***

LAMB OF GOD Pg 149

COMMUNION HYMN COME LET US EAT #491

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING 1 PETER 1:17-23 Pg 983

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as able) #174

GOSPEL LUKE 24:13-35 Pg 860

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN #494 (Please stand as able)

APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

Worship Assistant: Let us pray for the world, creation, and all people.

L: God of grace **C: Receive our prayer**

Worship Assistant: We now pray for all those we care about. Let us name them now.

People may offer prayers aloud or silently at this time.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, who is our comfort, our peace, and our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

During this time, if you wish to make a contribution to today's offering, you may do so by placing it in the offering plate. Service coordinators will collect the offering and bring to the front at the conclusion of the song. Electronic giving options: Simply Giving or Breeze. (Contact the church office for more information.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE)

#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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