

Eastertide 2026 Encountering the Risen Christ

April 12- May 31



In Lent we focused on the healing, teaching, and embodied stories of Jesus from Matthew. In Eastertide we turn to John for post-resurrection stories of the risen Christ. The Jesus we find here is more mysterious and wordy. He uses language that is comforting, confusing, tender, and full of imagery of sheep, gates, orphans. These are denser texts with less obvious practical application. They require us to do a little more digging. Like the disciples, we may have a hard time recognizing Jesus in these texts, or we may see and understand only to have him disappear again. How might Jesus be speaking to us today through these texts? Are you familiar with them? Do you have baggage with them? What feels familiar or foreign to you

Date	Theme Text	Preacher	Special Extras	Second Hour
4/12	John 20:19-31	Darin Bontrager		Safe church conversation
4/19	Luke 24:13-35	Steve Thomas		Steve Thomas
4/26	John 10:1-10	Gayle Gerber Koontz	(Breakfast before church for College and Seminary grads)	ABC groups
5/3	John 14:1-14	Randy Roth	(Surprise Luncheons)	ABC groups
5/10	John 14:15-21	Regina Shands Stoltzfus		ABC groups
5/17	John 17:1-11	Small Group Denim	First Grade Bibles	ABC groups
5/24	Acts 2:1-21	JOINT SERVICE	Joint service at Goshen College	No SS
5/31	Trinity Sunday	Anna Yoder Schlabach	Recovenanting Mugging for Seniors Fellowship meal	No SS

