Today is the Sunday before Easter, which is a special day for children here in Finland. In preparation, Alex and Ellie decorated pussy willow branches (see the picture below) which they then gave to our neighbors today along with an Easter blessing. In return they received candy, which was a big motivator.

They also had to dress up in a costume as you can see by the picture below, which gave the day a Halloween-like feel.

Access to large amounts of candy proved problematic for Alex, who ate nearly all that he received before returning home and ended up laying in bed sick for several hours afterwards.
The kids dressed for candy collecting.

Anna and Janet blessing our home with decorated willow wands.
Candy, precious candy: Alex and Ellie get some from our upstairs neighbors Eija and Evi.