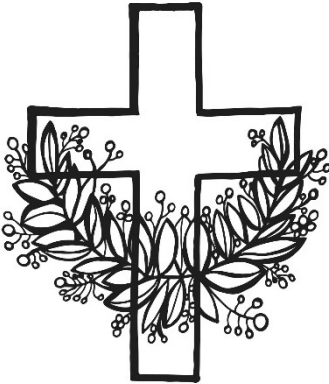


Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2026

Service Music: ELW, setting 3 (ELW, page 138)

Year A, Easter (ELW, page 32)




This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at

the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.


WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children’s Church typically takes place during our worship service, but on Easter we all worship together! There are “Busy Bags” available in the Narthex (lobby) for little ones who may need them. In your little one is having a hard time in the service, feel free to find our nursery around the corner by the restrooms.


Verse 1 

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain


Verse 2 

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain

Verse 3 

Sing with all the peo - ple of




God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

Verse 4 

For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, we give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You give us springs of living water.

P: Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you. **C: You give us springs of living water.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You give us springs of living water.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

EASTER HYMN: ELW 365 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the

prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **St. Matthew 28:1-10**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are

looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

SERMON

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ Arose*

1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they
 3. Death can-not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

Chorus - faster

com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord!
 seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a
 bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,

might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose a vic - tor from the
 He a - rose!

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign.

He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose, He a - rose!

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A: Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of conflict.

A: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

*See announcement for commemorations.

MEAL

OFFERING *your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed.
We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.*

Choir Special Music

Jesus Came to Earth

Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Lee Roesti

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: ELW 186 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

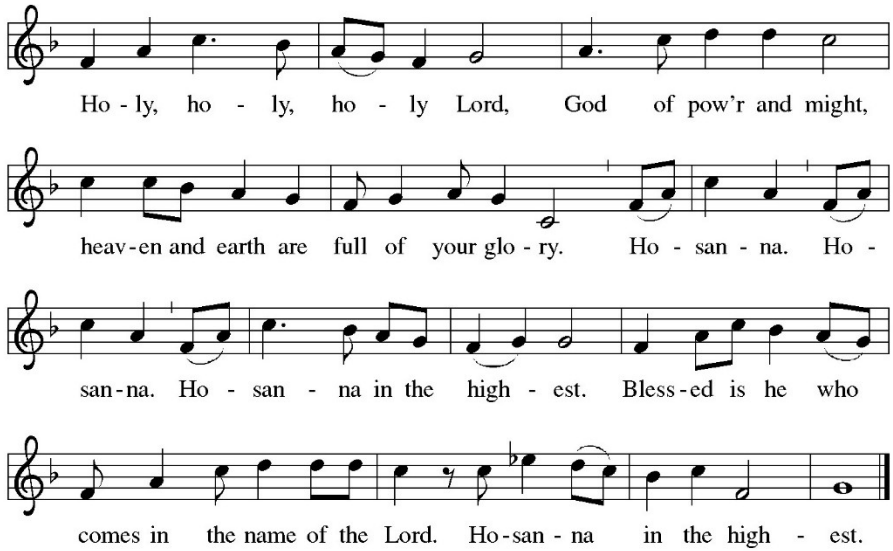


☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.
All are welcome here. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: May We Be One

Congregational Refrain:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus. So as we
 share this feast may we be - come, heal - ing and
 light and peace. May we be one. one.

To verses *Last time*

After the cantor sings the first line the congregation responds:

A - men, a - men.

After the cantor sings the second line the congregation responds:

A - men, a - men.

The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
✠ Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

P: Go in peace. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last week:

Saturday: No service Sunday: 93 YouTube: 3 Total: 96

Birthdays this week:

4/5 Kelly Crooks 4/5 Jeff Hicks 4/5 Roberta Leder 4/6 Myrna Mattly

Anniversaries this week:

4/9 Jeff & Caroline Hicks

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town!

Youtube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzingGF4g_QWtn_l2Sqpl5Q

Worship Assistants

April 5 – Easter

Presider

8:00 AM

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

10:00 AM

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister

Tom Sladky

Judie Brooks

Reader

Pat Larson

Shirley Richlen

Acolytes

Kellan & Eden B.

Velvet C. & Dex H.

Candle Bearer

Beauen Bileddo

Jude Hewlett

Music Minister

Steve Abel

Steve Abel

Organist

Linda Gross

Linda Gross

Ushers

Ron M. & Kelly C.

Jerry & Yvonne N.

Altar Guild

Marilyn P. & Diana W.

Marilyn P. & Diana

W.

April 12

Presider

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Assisting Minister

Shirley Richlen

Reader

Ellen Hogbin

Acolyte

Dex Hewlett

Ushers

Fritz Voss & Judy Larson

Altar Guild

Marilyn Pieart & Diana Worley

Easter Lily Memorial



Shirley Richlen	In memory of Denny
Brian Peters	In memory of Jeanne Peters
Deb & Kel Crooks	To the glory of God
Maxine Duhm	In memory of Ken
Foraris	In memory of Dad, Papa
Pesseins	In memory of Chris Whelchel
Erik & Joleen Bakken	To the glory of God
John & Judie Brooks	In memory of Jack T. Fowler
John & Judie Brooks	In memory of our parents
Frieda Houldsworth	In memory of husband (Ernie), brother (Walter), and loved ones
Steve & Marilyn Pieart	(2) To the glory of God
Pat Larson	To the glory of God
Troy & Carrie Larkin	In memory of Dawn Wheeler

NOTES

Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, **Lynn** Chamberlain, **Bev** Chappen, **Maxine** Duhm, **Sandy** Henry, **Frieda** Houldsworth, **Jeryl** Krumbholz, **Jim** Krumbholz, **Doug** Larson, **LaVonne** Mienke

Family and Friends

Amanda (friend of Melissa), **Amelia** (friend of Deb Crooks), **Annette & Rick** (Steve & Sue Miller & Pat Sorenson's sister & brother-in-law), **Becky** (sister of Ellen Hogbin), **Brenda** (Friend of Janene Anderson), **Donna** (Ed Arp's sister), **Drew** (Pat Larson's friend), **Emmett** (friend of Diana Worley), **Hattie** (Frieda's sister), **Karen and Ed** (Shirley's Aunt and Uncle), **Lylah** (friend of Noa), **Mark** (friend of Jason Forari), **Michelle** (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), **Phil** (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), **Stan** (relative of Fritz Voss), **Stella** (friend of Ellen Hogbin), **Steve** (friend of Pat Larson), **Wally** (Frieda's nephew)

Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
 LT. **Chris** Tribble USN (Erik & Joleen Bakken's friend).
 CPT **Eli** Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Tyler McLaughlin, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

In Memoriam

Lynn Chamberlain

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter 8AM Worship 9AM Brunch 10AM Worship	Church Office Closed 4PM Social Ministry Mtg.		1PM Finance Mtg. 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry		5PM Worship
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9AM Worship		8AM Worship & Music Mtg. 4PM Property Mtg. 6PM Christian Ed. Mtg.	6-7PM Confirmation 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM GANG 2PM BINGO at Bett Health Care		5PM Worship
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9AM Worship 10AM Council Mtg.		1PM Sarah Circle	5:30PM Meal at Zion Lutheran 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry	6PM Lock- In Drop off	8AM Lock- In Pick Up 5PM Worship
26	27	28	29	30	5/1	5/2
9AM Worship			6-7PM Confirmation 6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry		5PM Worship