

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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***HYMN**

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today

UMH #302, vs 1-4

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at Peace! **AMEN**

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG...

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads ~ Written by Ira B. Williams

... AND THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 10:34-43

***HYMN**

He is Lord

UMH #177

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

THE MESSAGE

Especially

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection

UMH #303

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #270)

Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*O Thou Kind and Gracious Father ~ by George Careless,
arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen*

***THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Matthew 28:1-10)

All: God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones.

You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure.

On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ.

Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently – eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve.

May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained.

Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed!

AMEN

A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER [Insert]

COMMUNION HYMN

[I Come With Joy ~ UMH # 617]

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

He Lives

UMH #310

*THE BENEDICTION

L: Go now in the blessing of God,
who meets death with life,
hatred with love,
and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities,
to build a community of life, love, and flourishing as Easter people,
followers of the Risen Christ! **AMEN!**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

POSTLUDE

He is Risen! ~ by Joachim Neander, arr. by Amy J. van Dyk

Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart,
and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

-St. Augustine



Holy Week

Worship & Prayer resources for this week:

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MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES



+ **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl,
Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.



+ **Coffee & Jesus:** will continue after Easter with a study based on *The Chosen*.
Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Watch for details.

- **Easter Sunday:** Today, April 5th. He is risen!
- **Acapella North Chorus Rehearsal:** Tuesday, April 7th, 5-9pm, Fellowship Hall.
- **Potsdam Holiday Fund Meeting:** Tuesday April 7th, 5-7pm, carpeted room downstairs.
- **Festival of Sacred Music and Text:** Sunday, April 19th, 3pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- **Super Church Sunday School:** April 19th and May 3rd.
- **The Gathering Plate - Pot Luck:** April 26th following our worship service. More details in the Weekly News.

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner

Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish

Counters

Readers

April 5: Debby Nikkari, Tom Ortmeyer
 April 12: Robin Howard, Debby Nikkari
 April 19: Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois
 April 26: Carrie Livernois, Robin Howard

April 5: Tom Ortmeyer
 April 12: Christa Carroll
 April 19: Kathy Demo
 April 26: Nancy Matthews

Greeters/Ushers

Fellowship Time Hosts

April 5: Nancy Matthews
 April 12: Kathy Demo
 April 19: Norm Gardner
 April 26: Carrie Livernois

April 5: Robin Howard & Judy Haer
 May 3: Carol Willmert
 June 7: Sue and John Loope