



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 5, 2026

NORTHBROOK
COVENANT CHURCH

Order of Worship

Gathering Song

“Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen”

Verse 1

Rise my soul, the Lord is risen!
Come, behold the empty grave
See the place where darkness laid him
Sing, for only hope remains

Verse 3

Peace my soul, the Lord is risen
Come and have your hope renewed
For this trial is brief and fleeting
Tears will turn to glory soon

Hallelujah! Praise forever!
Death defeated and life restored
By that great immortal power
Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Shout with joy and sound the triumph!
Let the music of heaven roar
Let the boast of death be silent
Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Verse 2

Rest my soul, the Lord is risen!
Love’s redeeming work is done
Now the Father sees his children
As he sees his sinless Son

Verse 4

Arise my soul for I am risen
Seated now with Christ my Lord
As my life belongs to heaven
Fear shall hold its sway no more

Oh the wonder, oh the glory!
That same favor is now my own
Shame behind me, grace before me
Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Onward, upward toward the treasure
Filled with courage and endless hope
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Bridge

Arise my soul, arise my soul!
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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

(congregation read the **bold**)

L: Christ the Lord is risen today!

C: Alleluia!

L: All creation, join to say:

C: Alleluia!

L: Raise your joys and triumphs high!

C: Alleluia!

L: Sing, O heavens, and earth reply:

C: Alleluia!

L: Alleluia!

C: Amen!



Worship in Song

Christ is Alive (CHW #259)

(VERSE 1) **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises reign.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

(continued —>)

(VERSE 2) **Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching ev'ry place and time.**

(VERSE 4) **Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

(VERSE 5) **Christ is alive and comes to bring
Good news to this and ev'ry age;
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Responsive Scripture Reading
(adapted from Romans 6:6-11)

L: For we know that our old self was crucified with [Christ] so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

C: Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

L: The death he died, he died to sin once and for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**C: In the same way, we count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia! Amen!**



Low in the Grave He Lay (CHW #245)

(VERSE 1) **Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!**

(REFRAIN)

**Up from the grave he arose (he arose)
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes (he arose)
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign.**

**He arose! (He arose!)
He arose! (He arose!)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

(VERSE 2) **Vainly they watched his bed, Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they sealed the dead, Jesus, my Lord!**

(VERSE 3) **Death could not keep its prey, Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!**

Passing of the Peace

*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!*

Prayer

José González



Mutual Blessing

*Group 1: The Lord be with you!
Group 2: And also with you!*

Scripture

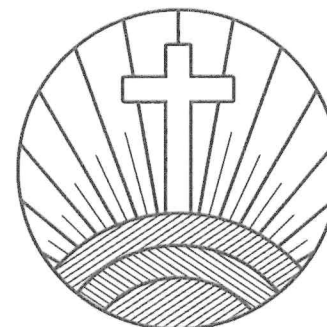
Smiths & O'Hara's

*Psalm 118:22-23 | John 20:1 | John 20:2-18
Special reading by Northbrook Youth*

Sermon

José González

“Overwhelming Hope”



Special Song of Response

“In Christ Alone” (arr. Mark Hayes)

Northbrook Covenant Ensemble

Congregation: Please join in singing on Verse 4.

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my son.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.

‘Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified,
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

What heights of love, what depths of
peace
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again.

And as he stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

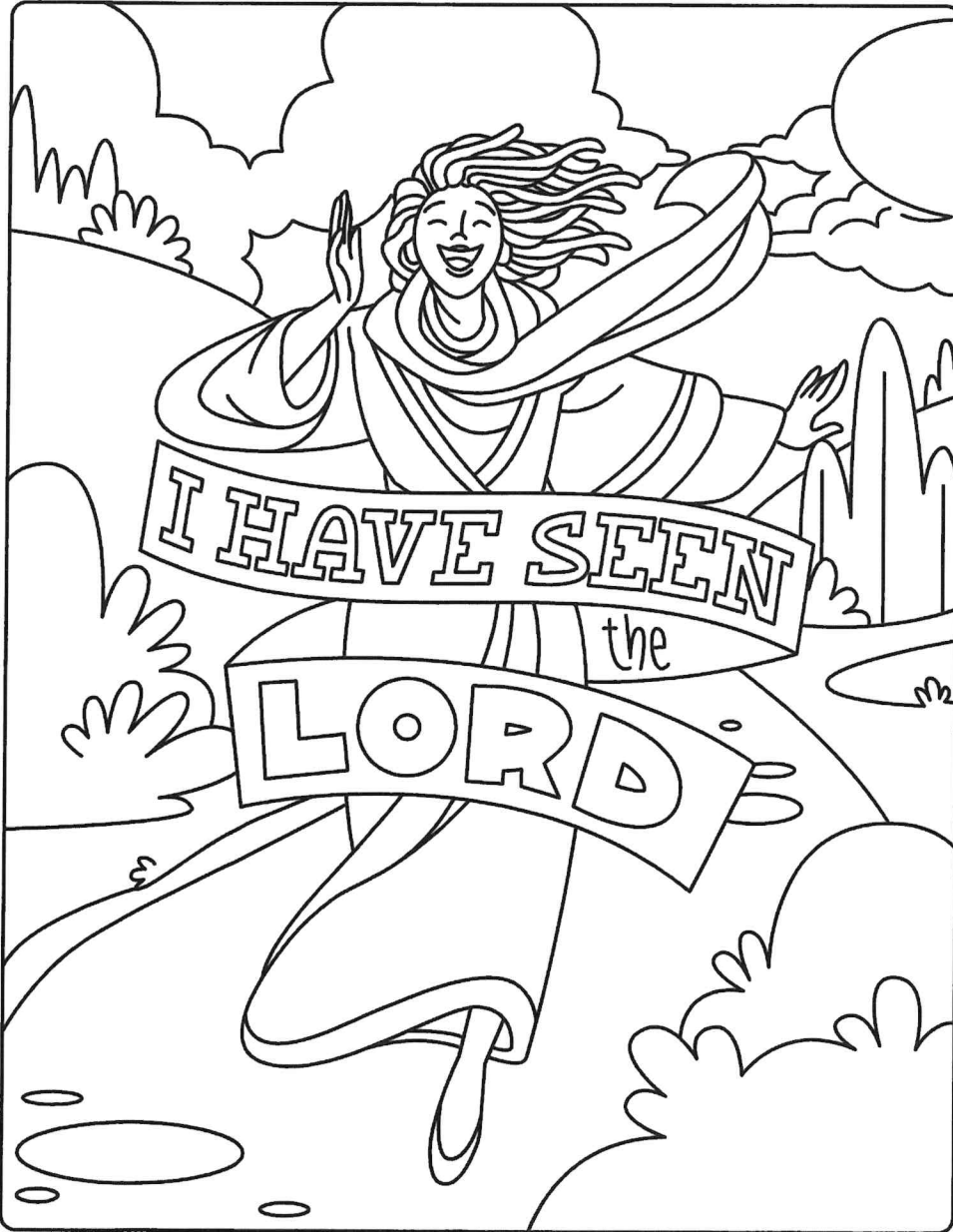
Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to
save,

Verse 4

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no human plan
Can ever pluck me from his hand,
‘Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.**



Celebration of Communion

(All who believe and follow Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in communion. Please remain seated as the elements will be distributed to you.)



Message for all God's Children

“Resurrecting the Alleluia”



illustratedministry.com

Sending Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (CHW #258)

Verse 1

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today, ALLELUIA!
All creation joins to say: ALLELUIA!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, ALLELUIA!
Sing, O heav'ns and earth reply: ALLELUIA!**

Verse 2

**Lives again our glorious King, ALLELUIA!
Where, O death, is now your sting? ALLELUIA!
Dying once he all does save, ALLELUIA!
Where your victory, O grave, ALLELUIA!**

Verse 3

**Love's redeeming work is done, ALLELUIA!
Fought the fight, the battle won, ALLELUIA!
Death in vain forbids him rise, ALLELUIA!
Christ has opened paradise, ALLELUIA!**

Verse 4

**Soar we now where Christ has led, ALLELUIA!
Foll'wing our exalted head, ALLELUIA!
Made like him, like we rise, ALLELUIA!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, ALLELUIA!**

Benediction

José González



2026 Easter Flower Dedications

(Please take your flowers after the service today.)



Grace Carlson

In Memory of Samuel D. Carlson

Jan & David Dwight

In honor of Jan's father Chet Larson

In memory of our parents:

Jean Larson , Norman & Martha Dwight

Grant & Bev Erickson

In memory of our parents:

Roy & Gwen Erickson, Phil & Bernice Peterson

Robert Hutson

In memory of my parents:

William and Anna Katherine Hutson

A. Dwight Johnson

In memory of Arthur G. and Ruth I. Johnson

Bob & Betty Olson

In memory of loved ones

Roy & Beth Olson

In memory of our parents:

Alfred & Margaret Behrens, Elof & Beatrice Olson

Don & Norma Putman

In honor of our children

Sean & Jessica Smith

In honor of our children Alexa, Mikayla, & Emma

Mary & Paul Terzis

In honor of our church family

Thank you to all those serving in our worship!

	This Week	Next Week
Officiant & Preacher	José González	José González
Worship Team	Vera Vasilenko, Rachel Johnson, Jan Dwight, Mary Lynn Dornfeld, Laurie Johnson, Bob Olson	Vera Vasilenko, Rachel Johnson, Jan Dwight
Scripture Reader	See bulletin	Kris Gallegos
Greeter	Betty Olson	Laurie Johnson
Usher	David Dwight	Bob Olson
A/V	Charlie Poterek	Charlie Poterek
Kids' Sunday School	N/A	Rachel Johnson Betty Olson
Counters	Charlie P & Bob O	Kris G & Dwight J
Hospitality	Kris & Raun Gallegos	Sunny McKee
Communion Servers	Pastor José, Betty Olson, Kris & Raun Gallegos	N/A

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Adult Sunday School, now Faith Life, meets from 9:15 - 10:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Questions may be directed to Debbie Poterek or Olga Vasquez. **Please note we will not meet on Easter.**

Plastic Bag Collection— Women Ministries is still collecting plastic grocery store bags to cut into “plarn” and make mercy mats for the homeless. They are in the process of learning how to make plarn and crochet the mats. If anyone is interested in helping with this project please contact Bonnie Stephens. Bags can be placed in the designated basket on the Welcome Center. Thank you for your help.

WM Plant Sale- Mark your calendars for the annual Women Ministries Plant Sale which will be held Friday May 15th and Saturday May 16th from 9 am—2 pm. Pre-orders can be found on the Welcome Center and are due by April 5th. Checks should be made out to Women Ministries and orders with checks can be placed in the WM wooden box on the Welcome Center.

CLON Chat— Our next CLON Chat will be on Tuesday April 14th at 2:30 pm at Axelson. Please join us for a time of prayer and fellowship.

Monthly Midweek Ministry— All ages are welcome for this special gathering of neighboring Covenant churches for a night of fellowship, food , and faith. Hosted at Libertyville Covenant Church on April 22nd from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Early Worship Service— Every fourth Sunday of the month, join us for a special 8:30 a.m. worship service. Experience a new rhythm of worship at a new time. This month’s service will be on April 26th.

Leadership Team Meeting— Our next scheduled Leadership Team meeting will be held on Tuesday April 28th at 6 p.m.



Thank you to all who helped with yesterday’s Community Easter Egg Hunt. A special thanks to Pastor Rachel for organizing the event. A lot of prep time and assistance were needed to pull off an event like this. What a special way to reach out to our community and spread joy!

NORTHBROOK NEWS		
April 5, 2026		
THIS WEEK		
Today Apr 5	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life—Not Meeting Today Worship—Easter Sunday
Sun		WM Plant Sale Pre-orders are due.
Next Sun Apr 12	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life Worship
LOOKING AHEAD		
Apr 14	2:30 pm	CLON Chat at Axelson
Apr 22	5:30 pm	Midweek Monthly Ministry @ Libertyville
Apr 26	8:30 am	Early Worship Service
Apr 28	6:00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting

