

April 5, 2026
8:30 am Worship
Facebook Live

Easter

He Has Risen!

THE FESTIVAL OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION

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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.

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Busy Bags for kids and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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PRESERVICE *(Piano)*

PRELUDE

Handbells & Organ **"Fantasia For Easter Morning"** *arr. Courtney/Whitworth*
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EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed!**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

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!**

P: We come together this day rejoicing in the knowledge that death is defeated. Yet we acknowledge and confess that we have often failed to live as a resurrected people. We ask forgiveness.

- A brief silence for individual prayer and confession -

We confess that, like the disciples, we run away from your death and try to hide from you.

C: **Forgive us, Lord.**

P: We confess our slowness to respond to the stone rolled back in our lives.

C: **Forgive us, Lord.**

P: We confess that the fear of death continues to haunt us in spite of your victory.

C: **Forgive us, Lord.**

P: We confess that our Easter gladness is often shallow and tinged with self-concern.

C: **Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Know that you have been forgiven in the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

C: **Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 365 **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** – *(Trumpet, Trombone and Handbells)*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save,
Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured,
Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

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.

FIRST READING *Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection*

fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:34-43 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

CHORAL ANTHEM (From Psalms 96, 98, 100)

“Sing To The Lord A New Song” - Courtney (Ever Aguilar, Trumpet)
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SECOND READING *Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

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

CHILDREN’S OFFERING - Lutheran World Relief School Kits

We will be gathering supplies to make school kits to be assembled on the ELCA Day of Service in September. During April we are collecting 12 inch rulers that include metric measurements. Your donation will help us purchase specific items needed.

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL *Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse:

C: *(Spoken)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:1-10

(Read together)

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 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: Here ends the Reading of the Gospel.

C: *(Spoken)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *(Choir)* **“I See, I Hear, I Know”** - *Courtney (soloist Jo Ann Saenz,*

Flute: Toni Aguilar)

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MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 376 **“Thine is the Glory”** – *(Introduction Music: Organ)*

Thine is the Glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
Endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
 Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
For the Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting! *Refrain:*

Interlude by the Organ

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: 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 brief Silence)

P: 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.

P: 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.

Y: 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. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: 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.

P: 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, especially: *Reid Bixler,*

Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Armando Caragan, Robin Holt, and Mary Peters. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Jake Hovde. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

(Other intercessions may be offered)

P: 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.

P: 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.

A: Amen.

OFFERTORY HANDBELL ANTHEM

“Alleluia” - Burroughs/Sewell (with Maxel Brown, Trombone)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Sung)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our 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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Sanctus” - Courtney *(Choir only, sung in Latin)*

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Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabbaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in Excelsis.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

COMMUNION MUSIC

ELW 367 “**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**” (stz. 1, 3)

(Solo by John Michel, Organ)

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Congregation sings)

- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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ELW 779 “**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**” (stz. 1, 2, 3, 5)

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

P: 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.

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 855 “**Crown Him with Many Crowns**” - arr. Burkhardt
(Trumpet & Organ, Handbells, Congregation)

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king though all eternity.

Special thanks to our Trumpeter, Flutist and Trombone player: Ever Aguilar, Toni Aguilar, Max Brown.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister & Reader: Carol Bruns; **Ushers:** Wayne & Sharon Duke, Duke Sobek, Tom Brown; **Communion:** Ian Brown; **Coffee:** Derry & Ginny Pence; **Acolyte:** Rebecca Caragan; **Altar:** Sharon Duke & Beckie Ryan; **Nursery:** Iris Villa, Zach Sparks

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