

# Easter

April 5, 2026

PRELUDE

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## GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Friends, how joyful it is to celebrate the good news!

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

The stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty!

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

The time of grieving has ended.

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

**Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to the springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to the springs of the water of life.**

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.

**You guide us to the springs of the water of life.**

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.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY ELW 365

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC BY BELLS OF FAITH**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

# THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**WORD**

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 10:34-43*

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**GOSPEL READING***Matthew 28:1-10*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

PASTOR JESSICA KING

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ELW 382

**BAPTISMS OF ADELINE & DAHLIA**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors and parents gather at the font.*

Baptism is a lavish gift God showers upon us. Baptism is God's work, God's initiative, God's embrace, God for us. In baptism God names us, washes us, and cherishes us. In baptism God blesses us and gives us new life. In baptism God also gives us a new family, the church, and shows us the very best way of being together in the world. Our best model for this way of being together is shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we practice and grow in this way of new life and this way of being together every day.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) God's love is for all. God's family is for all. God's glorious promise and blessing is for all. God's great bath is for all.

*Connor & Mackenzie present Adeline for baptism*

We present Adeline Lucille for baptism.

*Carson & McKenna present Dahlia for baptism*

We present Dahlia James for baptism.

*Pastor Jes addresses parents*

Connor & Mackenzie, Carson & McKenna, trusting in the love and grace of God, do you desire to have your children baptized?

*Response: We do.*

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you get to be their first teachers as they learn what it means to live the new life of God. You get to:

- bring them to worship so they know they belong to the big family of God; hear the good news and share the meal with them, surrounded by sisters and brothers in faith;
- teach them the prayers and texts that Christians overtime have decided are the best ones to know by heart;
- read with them and delight with them in the stories of the Bible, showing them your love for these stories so they will also love these stories;
- pray with them and make prayer part of the rhythm of your days.

And the best part is you get to do all these things not out of fear or obligation but out of freedom and love, so that they will come to

- deeply know God,
- live in love like Jesus,
- care for themselves, others and the world God made,
- shine with their own Christ-light

Do you promise to nurture Adeline Lucille & Dahlia James in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: We do.*

*Pastor Jes addresses family & friends in Christ:*

People of God, do you promise to support Adeline Lucille & Dahlia James and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

*Response: **We do.***

### ***PROFESSION OF FAITH***

As we prepare for baptism, we say no to the things that hurt us and others and we say yes to God and to telling the story of God's love for us and for the whole world.

Do you say no to hate, no to violence, no to greed, and no to everything else that is the opposite of God's peace mercy justice and love?

*Response: **I say no to them.***

Do you say no to rules, no to habits, no to traditions, no to prejudices that go against God's hopes and dreams for the world?

*Response: **I say no to them.***

Do you say no to the things you do but shouldn't, no to the temptation to do nothing when action is needed, no to everything that pulls you away from God?

*Response: **I say no to them.***

We ask you now to say yes to God with these words used by Christians at their baptisms since the very earliest days of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### ***THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT***

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***BAPTISM***

Adeline Lucille, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dahlia James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

### ***LAYING ON OF HANDS***

*Laying both hands on the heads of the newly baptized, Pastor Jes prays:*

Continue to nurture Adeline & Dahlia by the gift of your Holy Spirit, and raise them up with wisdom, vision, strength, patience, faith, mercy, joy, and every good gift your spirit has to give. **Amen.**

**SIGNING OF THE CROSS**

*Pastor Jes marks the sign of the cross on the foreheads and says:*

Adeline Lucille, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Dahlia James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

**WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is presented to the newly baptized:*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Jesus's light is your light, today and every day.

Let us welcome our newest sisters in Christ!

**We love you already. We are thankful for all your gifts. We welcome you to this church and to the whole family of God!**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

... and all God's children say,  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC BY BELLS OF FAITH**

WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE IS THIS

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

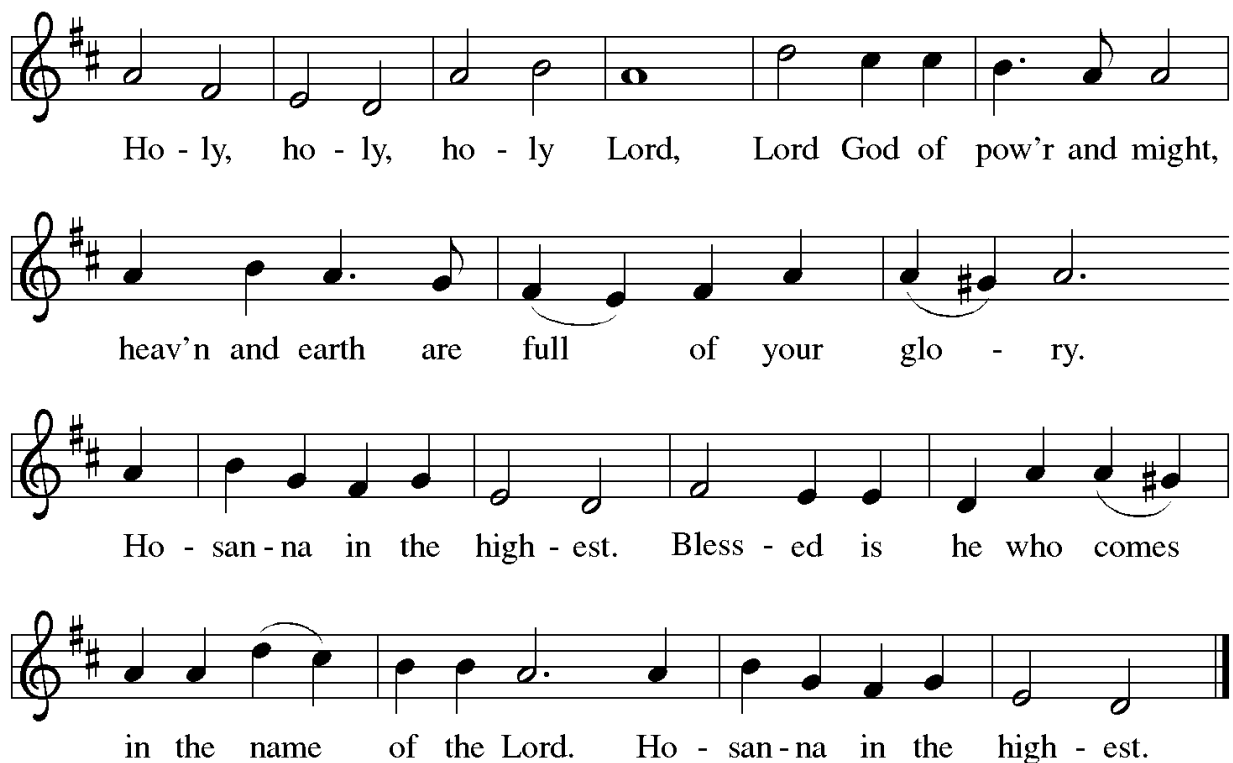
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at God's table.*

*Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. As you receive the elements please note grape juice is clear and in the center of the tray, wine is red and around the edge of the tray. You may return to your seat by the side aisle or take time in prayer at the rail.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN ELW 474

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES! ELW 619

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS ELW 367

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today in Worship**

**Pastor Jessica King**

**Musician Jimin Seo**

**Assistant Janae Beachy**


**Ushers Paul Kreuter & Mike Anglin**

**AV Kevin Peters**

**Altar Guild Lisa Younghans & grands**



**PAINT WITH PASTOR**  
**April 17th**  
**@ 6:30pm**  
**Just \$10 SIGN UP DURING WORSHIP**



**LACROSSE GAME**  
**Saturday, April 25 @ 10am**  
Bethel University, 1001 Bethel Cir, Mishawaka  
\$8 adults, \$2 for 62+. Bleacher seating available.

**\* FEATURING 2 OF FAITH'S YOUNG ADULTS:**  
Grace Kercher playing for Marion  
Megan Williams playing for Bethel

*Join Pastor Jes after the game for lunch @ Cheddars @ 4914 N Main St.*

**Faith Prays for:**

**Homebound:** Rick & Jan Clark, Bonnie Mullet, Connie Taylor, Chuck Zucker

**Ongoing:** Jeanne Balogh, Sophie Chevalier, Luke Krider, Dick Murto, Duane Troyer, & Haley and Nathan Stegelmann

**Senior Care:** Pamela Housman, Marilyn Kehr, Sue Kirkpatrick, Bonnie McDowell, Vic McKibbin, Alice Murto

**Good Shepherd Preschool Staff:** Ana Bailey, Yuri Hernandez, Ashley Randall, Chelsea Strange, Sara & Kiara Trovatore, Lisa VanderWey & Joy Wakefield

If you have a prayer request please contact the church office. Prayer requests are shared through our email-prayer chain. If you would like to receive the prayers via email, sign up on the website or let the office know, and we'll get you on the distribution list.

**Happening at Faith this week**

5 Sunday	6 Monday	7 Tuesday	8 Wednesday	9 Thursday	10 Friday	11 Saturday
<b>EASTER</b> 8am Breakfast 9am Worship	office closed	<b>GSP</b> Weekly Staff Meeting 1pm	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Break</b> Pints with Pastor 6:30pm	office closed	

Ways to Give to Faith



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**in person**

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Mike & Jennifer Anglin in memory of Zander and all their loved ones who have entered the Kingdom of Heaven.

Polly Chevalier in memory of her husband, Ron & Sue Schrameyer and in honor of her children & grandchildren.

Chad & Theresa Collins in memory of Theresa's parents, Chum & Judy Ostwald, Chad's father, Bill Collins and his stepfather, David DeMott.

Betty Comoford in memory of David Comoford.

Glen & Patti Eash in honor of their grandkids.

Kim & John Gallagher in memory of their parents.

Pamela Housman in memory of her late husband, Jim.

Kathy Johnson in memory of her husband, Rev. Dr. Ronald Johnson.

Steve & Michelle Kercher in memory of their parents Virgil & Laura Ann Martin and John D. & Linda Kercher.

Dolly King to the Glory of God.

Pastor Jessica King in the honor of her nieces and nephews: Julia, Claire, Miles, Violet & Maxwell.

Paul & Beth Kreuter in honor of Alexis, Caleb, Ellie, Nolan & Jackson.

Wayne & Rosie Miller to the Glory of God.

Richard & Michele Murto to the Glory of God.

Bob Schrameyer in memory of Sue Schrameyer.

Linda Simpson in memory of John Simpson.

Jason & Shannon Smith in memory of Jim Brennan.

Dale & Jan Troyer in memory of Merle & Bernice Isenberg and Pearl Troyer.

Jeanne & Duane Troyer in memory of Barb Proteau and in honor of Ella Troyer.

The Unrue Family in memory of Mamau & Papa and Grandma & Grandpa Younghans.

Doug & Carla Yoder in memory of Helen Yoder and Carl & Ruth Griebel and in honor of Cecil Yoder.

Henry, Jackson, Addie, Teddy & Rose in honor of Nannie & Papa.

The Younghans Family in memory of Wallace & Dorothy Younghans, Virgil & Laura Ann Martin, Phil Keidaish Jr. and Helen & George Hetler.