

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2026

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.

PRELUDE (8:15) Miriam Gibson *The Day of Resurrection* BURKHARDT
(10:45) Brass and Organ *The Easter Medley* TUCKER

HYMN #365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

HOLY BAPTISM 10:45

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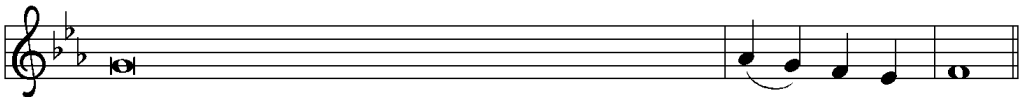
KYRIE ELEISON [LORD HAVE MERCY]



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



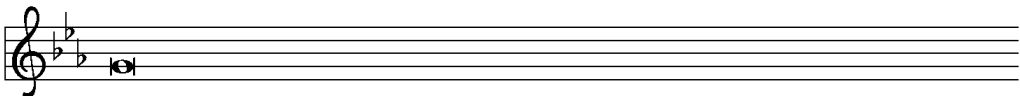
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



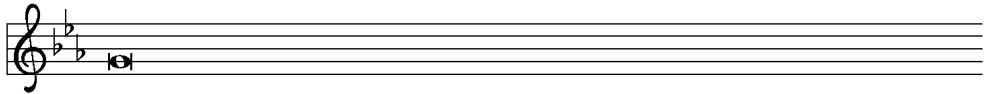
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

WORTHY IS CHRIST

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo-ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon-or, glo-ry and might be to

hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

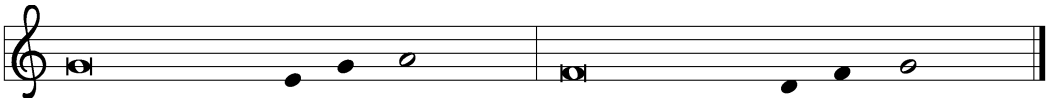
Let us pray together. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 10: 34-43

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."
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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24 (we sing responsively, verse by verse)



¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

² Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

- ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
 “The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!
 The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,**
 and declare the works | of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
 but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**
 I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.
- ²⁰ “This is the gate | of the Lord;
 here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
 and you have become | my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
 has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the Lord has | this been done;**
 it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the | Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SENIOR CHOIR (10:45): (Brass and Piano) *Glad Easter Praises* LARSON

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 1-10

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

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *Pastor Tucker O'Leary, n/OLF*

HYMN #377 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* EARTH AND ALL STARS

APOSTLES' CREED

With voices united, let us confess our faith

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

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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

...Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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. Amen.

CHILDREN SING (10:45): *God Is Love*
 Easter Litany

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* FEDAK

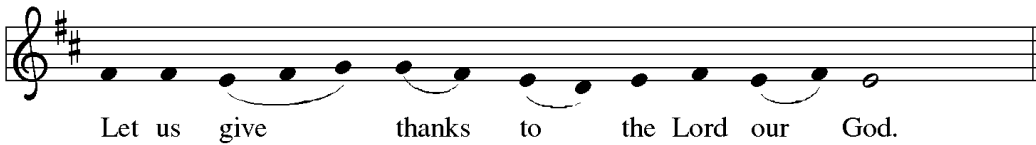
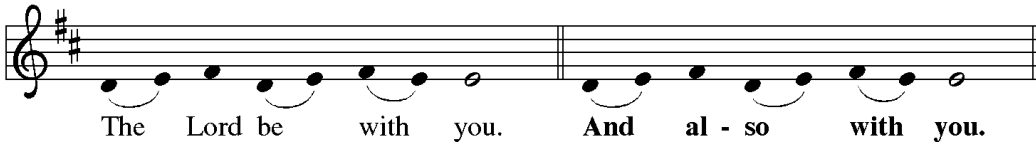
OFFERTORY TFF 98 *Open Our Eyes* OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
And say that we love him.
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

OFFERING PRAYER

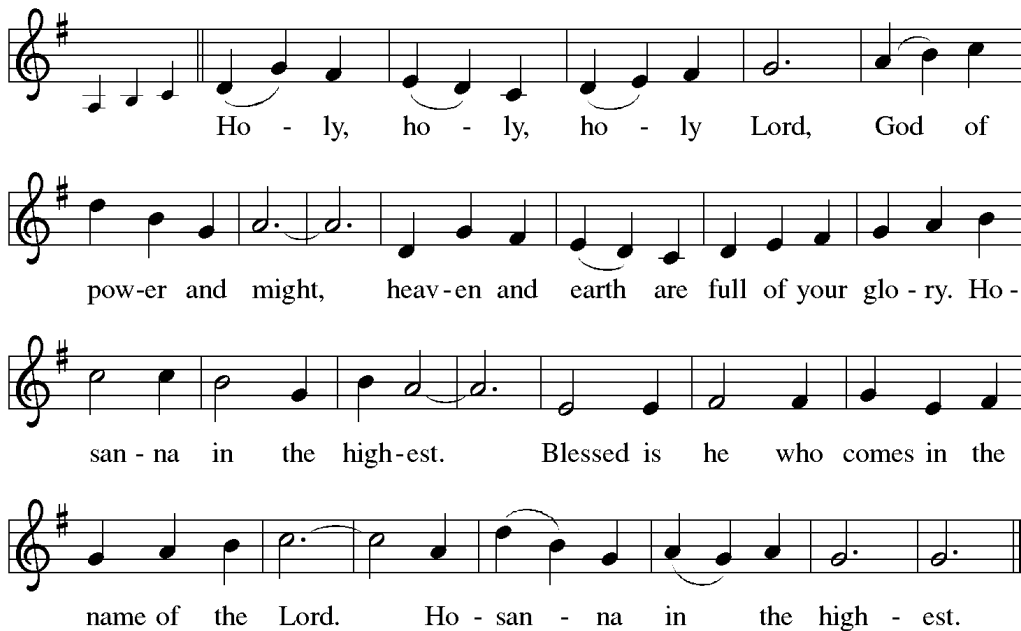
Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In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

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS [HOLY, HOLY, HOLY]



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

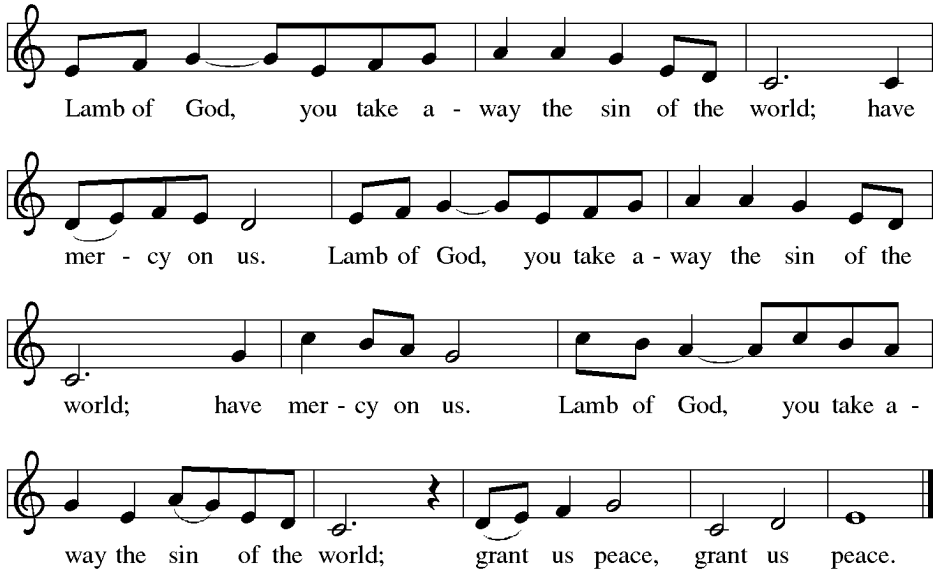
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

AGNUS DEI [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, grant us peace.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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, Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN #376 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABAEUS

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Recessional on Hymn to Joy* KROUSE

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He Is Risen!

Welcome to First Lutheran Church.

During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference

WE ASK EVERYONE to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. There are activity bags for our young worshippers. Please ask an usher for assistance.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of our Risen Lord by Kris Jensen, Rich Orr, and Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick in memory of Bill Fitzpatrick, their parents Ken & Evelyn Jensen, and Oscar & Olga Brenner.

DON'T FORGET THE COMMUNITY DINNER! APRIL'S Community Dinner RISES UP **today**, Easter Sunday!! We will be serving "breakfast for lunch," so we won't need regular desserts or salads. I know this is a family time, but consider helping with prep, cleanup, OR JUST COME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND BRUNCH for those who don't have families!! Thanks!

OFFICE HOURS As of April 13th, the office hours will be changing to Monday—Thursday, 8:30am to 3:30pm. Thank you so much for your help as we make this transition!

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE wishes to thank Kurt Ebersole, Eric Huttenlocher, Emerson Preston, Daryl Rotman, Jim Schoerger and Bob Schriener for their work in raking leaves and picking up trash around the church this past Monday. We appreciate their service in keeping the church looking nice.

SEVERE STORMS, HURRICANES, AND NATURAL DISASTERS across the United States have left many without power and/or without homes. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone. Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need. There are Lutheran Disaster Response envelopes in the narthex or you may mark your gift Lutheran Disaster Response.

A CARD WRITING MINISTRY has been set up on a table outside the Narthex! The Social Ministry Committee encourages everyone to write a note to an At-Home member, to a member having a birthday, or just to someone you haven't seen in a while! Addresses for At-Home members and a list of monthly birthdays is available on the table. If you put the card in the basket available, the mailing will be handled by the office!

OPEN POSITION: The position of Building Manager is available. Duties include opening and closing the church building, and the keep up and maintenance of the building. If interested, please contact Pastor Tucker or Casey Cox.



Through February
Total Receipts \$58,746
Total Expenses \$60,104
Expense over Income (\$1,358)