



Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m.



Pastor Erik Allen

“Encountering the Risen One”

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP



**Prelude**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

K. Hildebrand

**Announcements**

**Gathering Song**

Easter Song

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: On this Easter morning we remember that we have been Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, therefore we gather and give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you!**

*(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)*

## Song

In Christ Alone

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

## Gospel

John 20:1-18

## Children's Message

Pastor Erik

## Sermon

"Encountering the Risen One"

Pastor Erik

## Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

## The Nicene Creed

*please be seated*

## The Offering

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.



## Offering Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

## 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.**

**Prayers of the Church** (*the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.*)

Members: Lee, Marion, Kelly, Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Jessie, Adelyn, Kipp, Dale, Pug, Melanie, Charles, Mark, Chuck, Sylvia, Bill, Marie, Mary, Carol, Bob

**Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

*please be seated*

**Distribution**

*All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.*

**Benediction**

**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**

**Song**

Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

**Sending**

**P: Go in peace. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**  
**C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Charles Callahan

*Please join us downstairs for Easter Brunch and Fellowship!  
(an elevator is available for those uncomfortable with stairs)*