



**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**Order of Worship**  
April 5, 2026

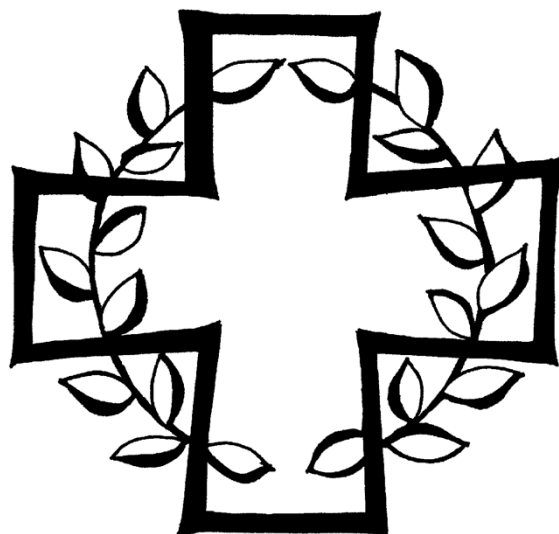
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# **EASTER SUNDAY 2026**



**AFTER THE SABBATH, AS THE FIRST DAY OF  
THE WEEK WAS DAWNING, MARY MAGDALENE  
AND THE OTHER MARY WENT TO SEE THE TOMB.**

**MATTHEW 28:1**



### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor Frank Waugh, *Officiating Minister*  
Linda Strohmenger, *Organist*  
Karyn Kline, *Lay Reader*  
Barb Vainio and Pat Hayward, *Cantors*

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### **MEDITATION**

#### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*Pastor:* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People:* **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## PROCESSIONAL SONG – Christ is Risen! Alleluia! – ELW 382



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

### *Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



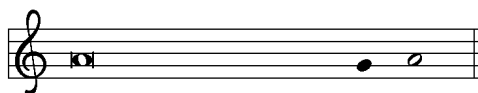
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## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

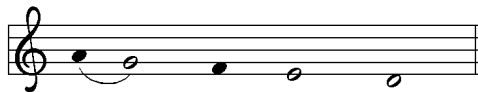
*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



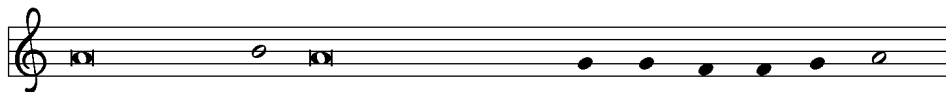
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!



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.



*Refrain*  
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.

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

### **THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**


Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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."

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

### Refrain:



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

*Choir:* Refrain

*People:* **Refrain**

*Cantor:* Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

*People:* **Refrain**

*Cantor:* The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

*People:* **Refrain**

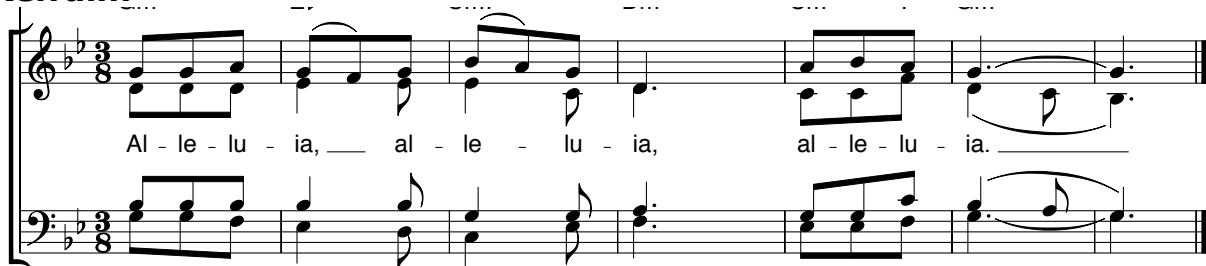
*Cantor:* The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

*People:* **Refrain**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Refrain:



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

*Choir:* Refrain

*People:* **Refrain**

*Cantor:* Christ our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

*People:* **Refrain**

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

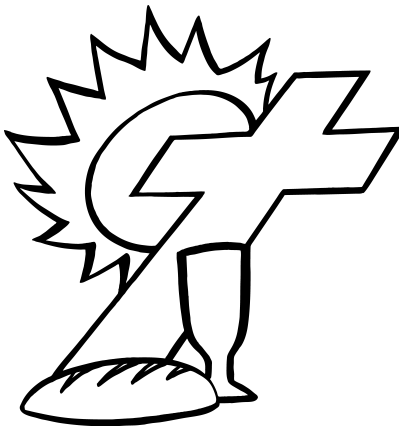
**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10**

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."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**THE SERMON** – The Darkest Hour Is Before Dawn – *Pastor Frank Waugh*





## **PROFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE PEACE**

### **THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC** – Christ the Lord is Risen Today – *OSLC Handbells*

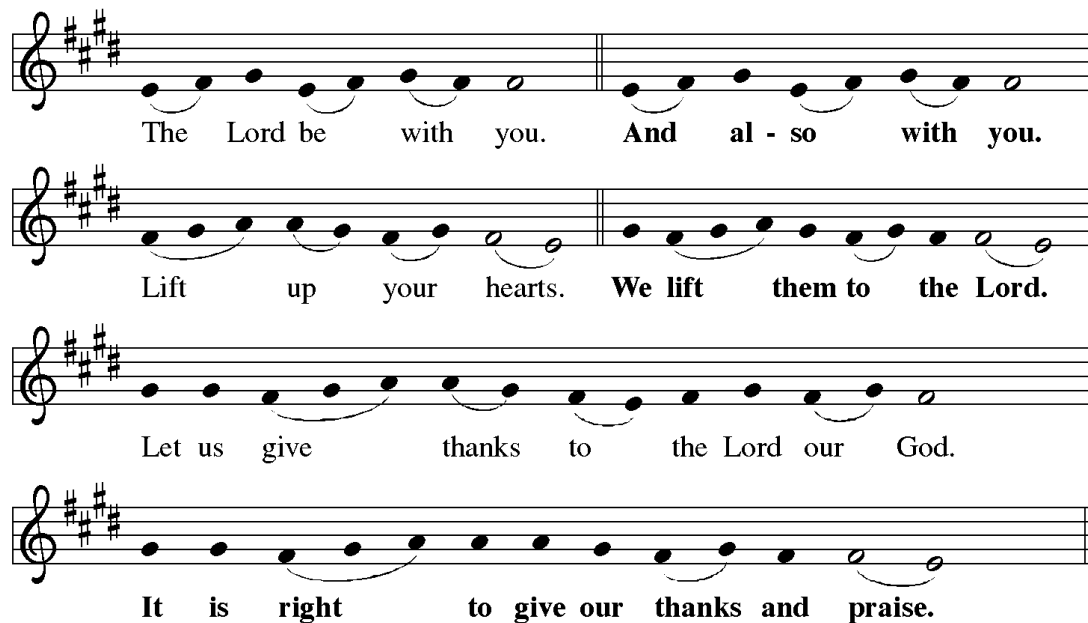
### **THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## THE PREFACE

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:

## THE SANCTUS – Holy God, We Praise Your Name – ELW 414 v. 4



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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;**

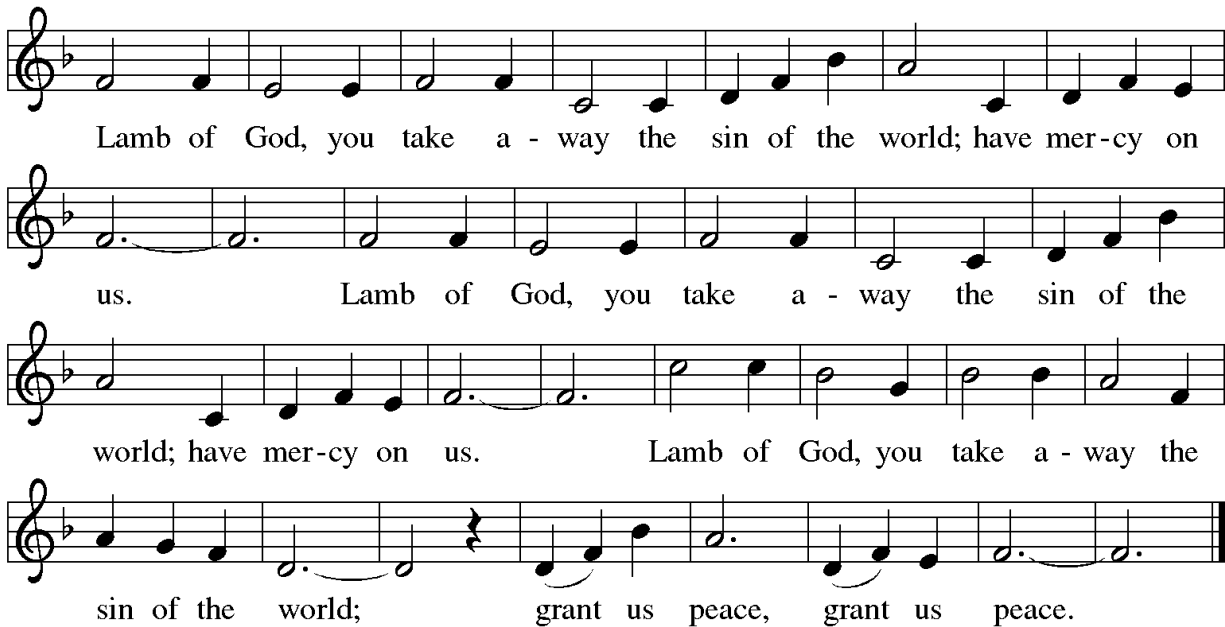
**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and  
ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – ELW 195



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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** – Easter Hallelujah – Leonard Cohen/Kelley Mooney

## THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, (+) Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

## THE SENDING SONG – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

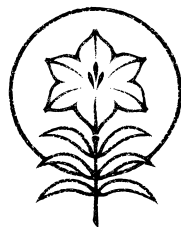
## POSTLUDE – The Day of Resurrection – OSLC Handbells

## **EASTER LILIES AND ALTERNATIVE GIFTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dedication</b>
Tom and Diane Adams	in memory of Elizabeth and Luther Adams
Richard and Bobbie Barnes	to the Glory of God
Bill and Trudy Blake	to the Glory of God for God's many blessings
Evie Brassie	in honor of the second-year confirmation class
Carol Bruno	in memory of Joe Bruno, John, Erma, Betty, Ted, Henrietta and Brian Snyder, and Dawn Harkins
Ed and Janis Carey	to the Glory of God
Rita Cioppi	in memory of my two dogs: Randy and Clarice
Jim and Fran Currey	in honor of the Sandhills Food Bank
Deborah Circle	to the Glory of God
Fritz and Marilyn Fleming	in honor of their grandchildren and great grandchildren
Lee Grant	to the Glory of God
Greg and Pat Hayward	in memory of Lucy Hayward, Ruth and Bob Hayward
Mark Keller	in memory of Katharine Jeffers
Karyn Kline	to the Glory of God and in memory of Patricia Schultz (Dear Sister-in-Law)
Ken and Jen Krafft	Our children: Katie, Kenny, Rob. Our granddaughter: Elizabeth Grace. Our parents: Ken and Phyllis and Al and Mary
Ann Leib	to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles G. Leib

## EASTER LILIES AND ALTERNATIVE GIFTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dedication</b>
Carol Linthicum	in memory of Loved Ones
Heather Lussier	in memory of Alice and Sumner Hammond and Judith and Richard Brown
Steve and Barbara Marks	to the Glory of God
Bill and Catherine Mitchell	to the Glory of God and in memory of Al Wiggins
Mark and Jen Murphy	to the Glory of God and in memory of our faithful dogs
Gretchen Nelms	in honor of her children and grandchildren, and in memory of Dear Randy
Jim and Patty Peeples	to the Glory of God and in honor of Loved Ones
Dean and Darlene Smith	in memory of Loved Ones
Susie Stanislawek	in memory of Loved Ones
Linda Strohmenger	in memory of John Strohmenger
Barbara Vainio	to the Glory of God
Larry and Bunny Wilson	in honor of Laura, Johnny, Isabella and Frances Baylor and Martha Maxwell in memory of Phillip Maxwell
Gay Wittenstrom	in memory of Keith Wittenstrom



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