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Welcome, everyone. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the members around you and to the Pastor as you depart.

Order of Worship

Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Matt Hosterman - Trumpet

“GOD SIGHTINGS”

GATHERING HYMN: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW 365

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!

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!

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!

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!

GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Response: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;

On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:**

**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43 ³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]:
“I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right
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: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures 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 punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over 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 righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders 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.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 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

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Alleluia Give Thanks” WOV 671

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain.

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live . . . forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward; life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain.*

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith together.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Trusting in the power of Christ's

resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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. Reveal yourself to them

as the Risen One. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

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, **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.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Easter Medley" Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

All who are hungry, come and eat the bread of life.

All who are thirsty, come and drink the cup of salvation.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG: "Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

**you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

COMMUNION

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” ELW
619**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION: “Now, Lord, Let Your Servant Go”
Now, Lord you let your servant go in peace: your word has been
fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have
prepared in the**

**sight of ev’ry people;
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who formed us in love, who renews us through grace, and who will

transform us into glory + bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367

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!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing:

“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,

All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Worship Ministers – Sunday, April 5, 2026

Acolyte: Maggie Weber

Altar Guild: Joanne Horton

Assistant Minister: Denice Adams

Lector: Denice Adams

Greeters/Ushers: Tim and Andrea Rogers

Arndt's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 5, 2026:

Easter Day Service - Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 6, 2026:

Church office closed.

Tuesday, April 7, 2026:

Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 2026:

Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10, 2026:

New Scout Weekend, 6:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m., Scoutcraft Area

Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Service of the Word – Second Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Cub Scout Den Meetings, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.