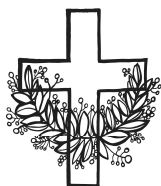


FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter

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Pastor Garrett Struessel and Deacon Korra Looschen

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



GATHERING

INTRODUCTION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

(you are invited to stand and face the back of the sanctuary)

(8:30)

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

Prima

Susan Bennett, Julianne Davis, Heidi Peterson,
accompanied by Karlie Carter

(11:00)

“Laudate Dominium” by Gilbert M. Martin

Chancel Choir

WELCOME

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!

EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

ANTHEM

(8:30)

"Then Sings My Soul" by Stuart K. Hine

Prima

Susan Bennett, Julianne Davis, Heidi Peterson,
accompanied by Karlie Carter

(11:00)

"He is Not Here! He is Risen" by Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

WORD

READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Word of God, word of life.


Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Deacon Korra Looschen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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

Repeat alleluia



P Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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!

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

Pastor Garrett Struessel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God
Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

(8:30)

“Lamb of God” by Twila Paris

Prima

Susan Bennett, Julianne Davis, Heidi Peterson,
accompanied by Karlie Carter

(11:00)

“Resurrection” arr. By Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

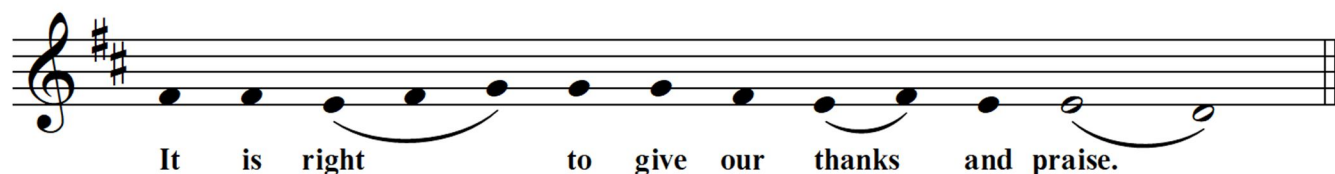
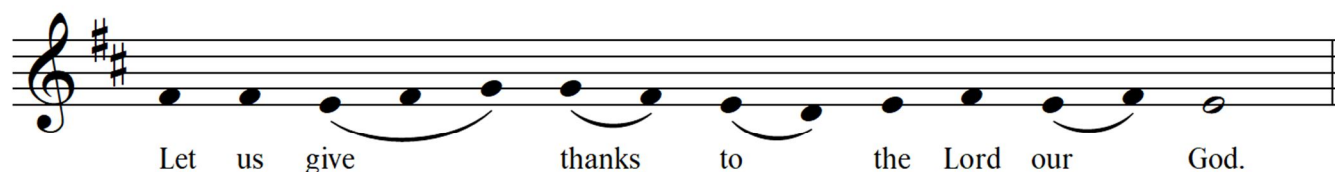
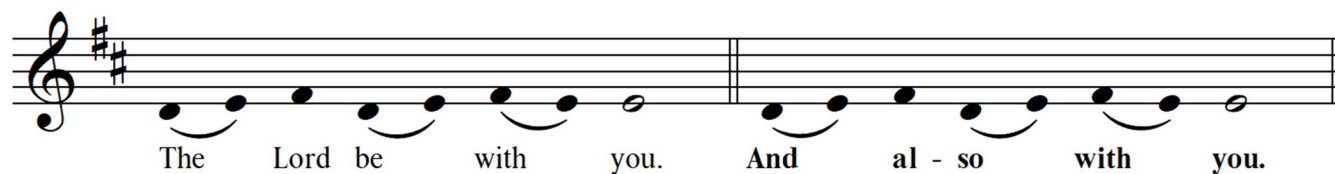
Merciful God,

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

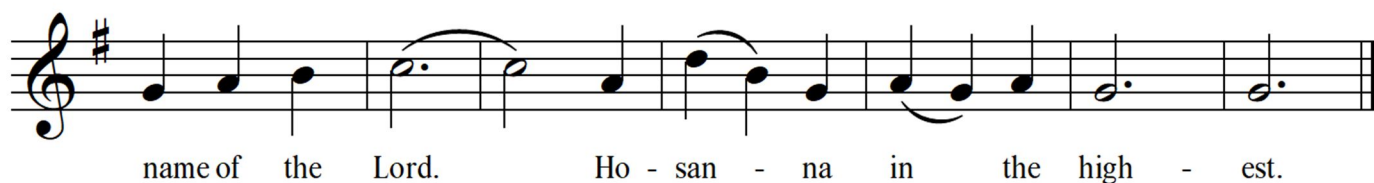
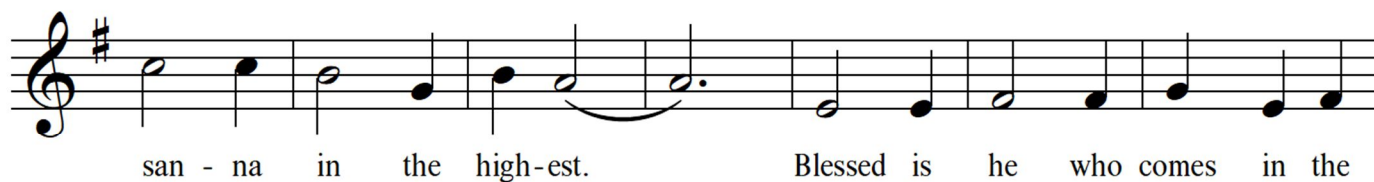
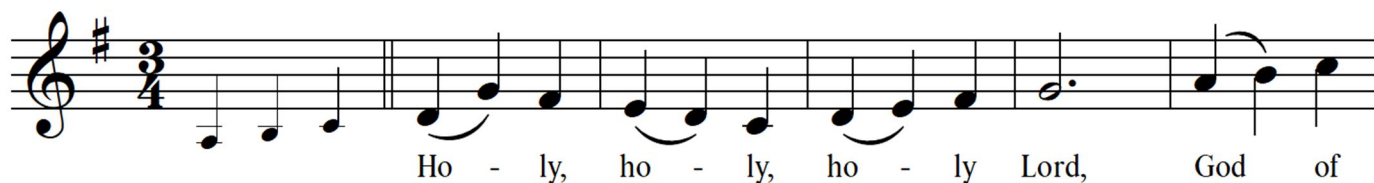
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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come

Thanks be to God

All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. The ushers will invite you to come forward for communion. We invite everyone to receive communion if you so desire. The invitation to receive Holy Communion is from Christ Jesus; therefore "all are welcome". In our serving communion trays, wine is darker red on the outside, and grape juice is the lighter color in the center. We serve only gluten-free bread prepared in a kitchen excluding wheat flour, to include everyone regardless of wheat-gluten sensitivities. Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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“ All Are Welcome”
“Thine is the Glory”
“Christ is Risen, Alleluia!”

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ELW 376
ELW 382

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

SENDING

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah Chorus” ~Handel

Chancel Choir

Gary Elmquist, Organist

Copies of the “Hallelujah Chorus” are in the pew racks. You are invited to sing along with the Chancel Choir. Please leave the copies of the music in the pews after the service.

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace, serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Following the 8:30 service, you are invited to the Friendship Center (Big Room) for fellowship and Easter Breakfast. Thank you to all who made it possible!

All Are Welcome

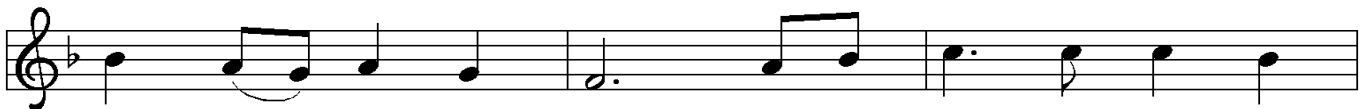
ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Thine Is the Glory—#376

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en__ con - qu'ring Son; end-less is the
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en__ from the tomb! Lov-ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let__ his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us__ more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for__ the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us__ safe through Jor - dan

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-foruth 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 foudn 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 adn 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 - gles 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! Le us rise and keep the feast.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS	The Rev. Garrett Struessel Deacon Korra Looschen
COUNCIL HOSTS	8:30: Eric Pederson, Rick Samson 11:00: Al Manley, Rick Samson
USHERS	8:30: Holly Keenan, Cliff Looschen, Ann Pederson, Eric Pederson 11:00: John Osberg
READER	8:30: Shannon Satur 11:00: Char Lemkee
Acolyte	8:30: Jonathan Leos 11:00: Carmen Morelli
COMMUNION SERVERS	8:30: Stephanie Geyer, Louis Geyer II 11:00: Vicki Shiveley, Dwight Tilford
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Sally Campbell
Prima	Susan Bennett, Julianne Davis, Heidi Peterson, accompanied by Karlie Carter
PIANIST/ORGANIST	8:30: Jeffrey Hartmann 11:00: Gary Elmquist

Would you like to view the Weekly Worship
Resources online? Scan the QR Code Below to
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WELCOME to worship!

WELCOME to worship! We are so glad you are here!

*A NURSERY is available downstairs for **children and infants age 5 and under**: follow the blue nursery signs. Children are welcome in worship, and families can sit anywhere in the sanctuary, including the chapel near the front.*

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

We are blessed to be able to record our worship services so that others may enjoy worship remotely. Please note that today's worship service is audio and video recorded for online sharing and archival purposes.

We love seeing you in worship!

