

# 4th Sunday of Easter “A New Creation”

April 26, 2026

Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**Note:** Today we join in worship with congregations all over the Northeast Synod of the ELCA, as we celebrate God’s new creation in our midst. We welcome any visitors with us today. Please join us for coffee & fellowship after worship (downstairs).

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

#### Invocation

**L:** We worship as we live, in the strong name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism and Confession

**L:** Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ! In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Through the waters of the flood, you gave Noah and his family  
**a new birth into a living hope.**

In the desert wilderness, you gave Hagar and Ishmael  
**a new birth into a living hope.**

Through the Red Sea, you gave Moses and your people  
**a new birth into a living hope.**

At Jacob’s well, you gave the Samaritan woman  
**a new birth into a living hope.**

We give you thanks, O God, that we too receive a new birth into a living hope through the waters of baptism. Revive our withered spirits, and rain down your Spirit in our parched places. To you be given honor and praise, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### \*Opening Song

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

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#### \*Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us Pray

**Good and gracious God, let your love shine upon all of us as we gather together to worship, praise, and honor your name all around our synod. Be present with us in all our gatherings, granting us wisdom and compassion. Help us to celebrate your love and grace in our lives through our thoughts**

and deeds and prepare us to do your good work in the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

### Readings

First Lesson-	Titus 3:4-7
Psalm 104	Page 264
*Holy Gospel	Matthew 28: 1-10
<b>Sermon</b>	Recording by Bishop Amy

**Song**                                    *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*                                    # 406 Green

### \*Apostles Creed

### \*Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### Offering Invitation

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray: **We give you thanks, O God, for your countless blessings. Receive these gifts, a small portion of the abundance you provide, and use them to raise up this broken-hearted world. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

**Leader 1:** Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. For the church, in particular the northeastern Minnesota Synod, that we would embrace a spirit of adventure as we move into your future. Help us let go of what no longer serves your mission and to accept the new ways your Spirit moves among us.

**People: Lord, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified, today.**

**Leader 2:** For all creation, that Earth’s health and balance would be restored where there is degradation. **Lord, be glorified. In your church, be glorified today.**

**Leader 3:** For the world, that violence in every form, everywhere might cease and that civility, justice, and peace might grow in its place. Raise us from the mud and muck of hatred, intolerance, name-calling, and pettiness to see your face in every one of our neighbors. **Lord, be glorified. In your church, be glorified today.**

**Leader 4:** For those who are vulnerable, especially all those who live in the midst of war and natural disaster today, for safety, comfort, and the provision of their needs. We give you thanks for the ministries of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran World Federation who shine your light in places forgotten by others. **Lord, be glorified. In your church, be glorified today.**

**Leader 5:** For our congregations and their ministries, for those we know and love who are ailing today, for those in the midst of crisis, we pray healing and new life. We give thanks for all who have gone before us and pray comfort for those who grieve. **Lord, be glorified. In your church, be glorified today.**

**Leader:** We entrust to you our hopes and dreams and prayers. May we, your church, always glorify you for the sake of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

**Leader:** If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! May the God who created us in God's image, chose us in baptism, and raised us to new life bless us. May the God who calls us by the Spirit, equips us for ministry, and empowers us for service send us. May the God who is among us now inspire us for the work and the walk ahead. See! By the power of God, everything has become new! **Amen.**

**\*Closing Song**                      *"When Morning Guilds the Skies"*                      # 546 Green

## Sending

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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## Announcements:

April 29                      6:00 Sunday School, Confirmation Youth Worship Service

May 3                          11:15 Worship

May 5                          1:00 Grounds Cleanup Day (rain date is May 6<sup>th</sup>)

May 6                          6 pm Level 2 Confirmation

May 10                        10:15 Event Committee Meeting; 11:15 Worship

May 13                        Level 2 Confirmation – last class

May 17<sup>th</sup>                      Graduation Recognition Sunday & Quilt Blessings 11:15

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