

CHRIST
is Risen!

Easter Sunday

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 WITH WORSHIP AT 9AM & 11AM

~ WE GATHER ~

Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 at
United Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here!

PRELUDE

Gretchen Kindseth, *organ*

EASTER GREETING

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Vs. 3 - Cathedral Choir

ELW Hymn #365

**Please stand
as you are able.*

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

from ELW page #122

Congregation sings refrain. Verses: Cathedral Choir

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation for the refrain is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, glory are his. [*Refrain*]
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. [*Final refrain*]

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, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation for the final refrain is written on three staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, the second staff for the second line, and the third staff for the final line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: 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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Empty Now

Cathedral Choir

Michael Marcotte, *director* with Northern Plains Brass and Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

~ WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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.”

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

First Lesson
Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

PSALM

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, And he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There is a sound of exultation and victory In the tents of the righteous:**

¹⁶ “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, But he

did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord; The one who is righteous may enter.”

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

²² The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON

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.

P: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson
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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Molly Haagenon

*Please stand
as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

ELW Hymn #174

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

EASTER GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.****Gospel**

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in

white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Interim Pastor Rich Kramer

HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

ELW Hymn #392

APOSTLES’ CREED*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: ...God of grace.

C: Receive our prayer.

GREETING OF PEACE

~ MEAL ~

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Northern Plains Brass Quintet

OFFERING SONG*

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!
[vs. 1&3]

ELW Hymn #380

- 1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;**
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
- 3. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;**
joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Great Thanksgiving

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The preface runs right into this song of praise. It is drawn from the song of the angels in Isaiah 6:3. "[The seraphs] called to one another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The concluding text, "blessed is He who comes..." is from Ps. 118:2

Prayers of Intercession

These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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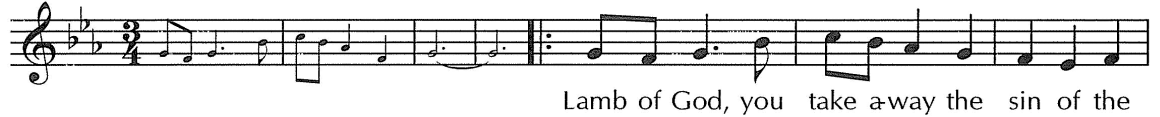
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.

LAMB OF GOD

from Unfailing Light



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the



world; _____ have mer-cy on us, _____ have mer-cy on us.



world; grant__ us peace, grant__ us peace.

Communion Distribution

The ushers will direct you forward. All bread is gluten free. Grape juice is available. If you would like grape juice, please indicate that to the server.

COMMUNION

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

The Day of Resurrection!

ELW Hymn #361

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW Hymn #385

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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. **All: Amen.**

~ SENDING ~

Blessing/Benediction:

This prayer shares God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

BLESSING

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

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

ELW Hymn #376

POSTLUDE

Northern Plains Brass Quintet

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Special **THANK YOU** to our musicians, Northern Plains Brass Quintet, Altar Guild, Pancake Breakfast servers, and all those who helped in the preparation of our Easter Celebration!

If you or someone you know has artistic talents and could help Pr. Rich with a timeline for our Listening Team, let him know!

2026 Lilies in Memory of

John & Irene Campbell
 Ivan & Yvonne Nelson
 Milnor Sandry
 Patrick Nelson
 Ron Hansen
 Joni Williams
 Jon Williams
 Jim Hendry
 Mitch Hams
 Marllys & Mel Rosholt
 Kent Anderson
 Eric, Helyn & Thomas Morrison
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Sand
 Robin Sand
 Sandra Morken
 Merle & Dagmar Satrom
 Kyle Satrom
 Denise Satrom
 Lu Verne & Arlene Rolland
 Jim Rolland
 Dale Morrison
 Jacob & Amelia Westby
 Steve Newark
 Marvin Newark
 Sharon Paschke
 Jim Kramer
 Clarice and William Kennedy
 Ole & Marge Olson
 Damon Anderson
 Alene Green
 Edmund & Marie Belyea
 Paul Ydstie
 Duane Aamold
 Loved one's of Lorna Aamold
 Bud & Lois Maier

Ray & Judy Kuster
 Parents of Tom & Claudette Zimney
 Parents of Gary & Sally Masilko
 Bill Lund and Ross Lund
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 Vernon & Lois Pladson
 Carol Lee
 Ruben & Delores Brandt
 Stanley & Geraldine Neste
 Cheryl Neste Kuykendall
 Bill Kotrba
 Wally & Ellen Aase
 Wynn Stjern
 Kenny Aase

2026 Lilies in Honor of

The Campbell kids and grandkids
 Donna Sandry
 Marge Newark
 Pat Kramer
 Linda Kramer
 Alice Davis

Thank you to all who purchased a Lily!
Please be sure to take it following the
11 a.m. Easter worship.

Welcome visitors to UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here.

Our Vision: The vision of United Lutheran is to be an embracing community of joy and hope, nurturing life transforming relationships with Jesus Christ, one another, and the world.

Our Mission: The mission statement of United Lutheran Church: We are United, proclaiming God's salvation by welcoming all to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

Our Welcome: United Lutheran Church embraces the gift of God's love for all creation. We rejoice in the way diversity informs, nurtures, and enriches the life and ministry we share. In a world that is often unloving, we are called by the Gospel to be workers for justice, peace, and healing. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational levels, family configurations, and economic realities. We commit to the ongoing work of Jesus' welcome for all.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Restrooms are located in the Fellowship Hall directly below the Sanctuary at the bottom of the stairs from the narthex. **Check out the calendar below for what's happening at United in the week ahead.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Interim Pastor

Pr. Rich Kramer

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Molly Haagenon

Organist

Gretchen Kindseth

Special Music

Cathedral Choir

Michael Marcotte, *dir*

Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

Northern Plains Brass

Cory Driscoll, *trumpet*

Dave Christianson, *trumpet*

Tyler York, *horn*

Nick Hagen, *trombone*

Mark Lentz, *tuba*

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Mackenzie Brown

Jayson & Jonah Helseth

Darren Lee

9AM United in Serving

Ushers

Linda Paulson

Todd Paulson

Margaret Johnson

Communion Servers

Cathy Williams

Alli Osborn

Lector

Alli Osborn

11AM UNITED IN SERVING

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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- 8am - 9am - Pancake Breakfast (FH)
- 9:00am - Easter Celebration Worship (SA)
- 10am - 11am - Pancake Breakfast (FH)
- 11:00am - Easter Celebration Worship (SA)

MONDAY, APRIL 6 - CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:00am - Quilting (FH)
- 11:00am - Staff Meeting (RM 106)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

- 10:30am - Coffee and Devos (LG)
- 5:00pm - Spring into Spring Event at Northern Air

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- 9:00am - Breakfast Club (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship with Communion (SA)
- 11:15am - Coffee Fellowship (FH)



We are a
Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

As part of Pr. Rich's interim work at United, you are invited to join him and one another for "Coffee and Conversations." **Join us for one of three gatherings this spring: Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m.; Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. and a date in May.** At each of these 60- to 90-minute gatherings, we will reflect on our shared ministry, learn about how change and transition can work in a church, and consider some thoughts about next steps in the transition process. We're all sure to learn something!

Please contact Pr. Rich for planning and refreshment preparation purposes.
Thank you!



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