

Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2026

10:30am



Alleluia

Christ is risen!

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HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

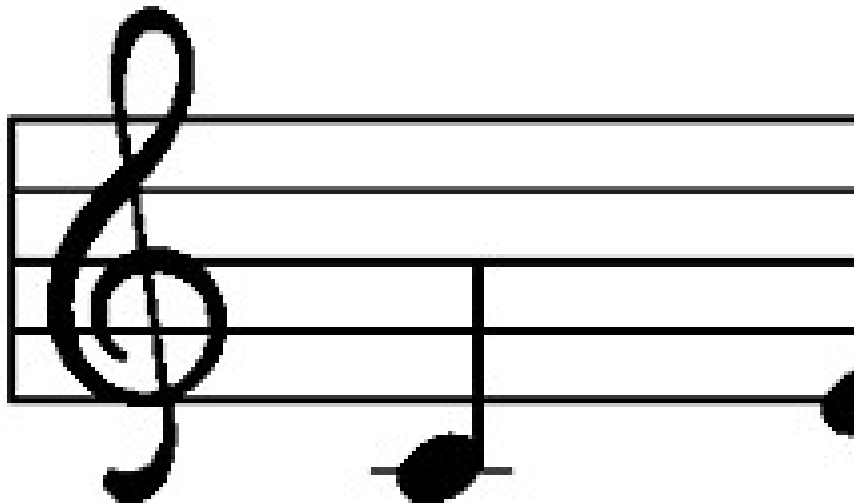
PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stand as able.

GATHERING SONG ELW #365



GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his mercy endures forever.

² **Israel should say, "His mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song. He is my savior.

¹⁵ **The sound of joyful singing and victory is heard in the tents of righteous people. The right hand of the LORD displays strength.**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is held high. The right hand of the LORD displays strength.

¹⁷ **I will not die, but I will live and tell what the LORD has done.**

¹⁸ The LORD disciplined me severely, but he did not allow me to be killed.

¹⁹ **Open the gates of righteousness for me. I will go through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which righteous people will enter.

²¹ **I give thanks to you, because you have answered me. You are my savior.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³ **The LORD is responsible for this, and it is amazing for us to see.**

²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made. Let's rejoice and be glad today!

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Easter Chorale and Alleluia

CHILDREN'S TIME

You are invited to stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew, The 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28:1-10

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

You are invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsor presents the candidate:

I present *Hollis Walter and Goldie Gwendolyn* for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the
Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Hollis and Goldie and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of young children.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the systems of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanks - giving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate and says:

Hollis / Goldie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain *Hollis and Goldie* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.

Hollis / Goldie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.



WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized a sponsor of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.
Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends:

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is received for the mission of the church.

SOLO - *Jacob Wilson*

“Ave Verum Corpus”

OFFERING SONG

You are invited to stand as able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written in a single system with five staves. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your
own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of
the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wis-
dom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all
the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O
Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now
and forever. **Amen.**

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 forever. Amen.**

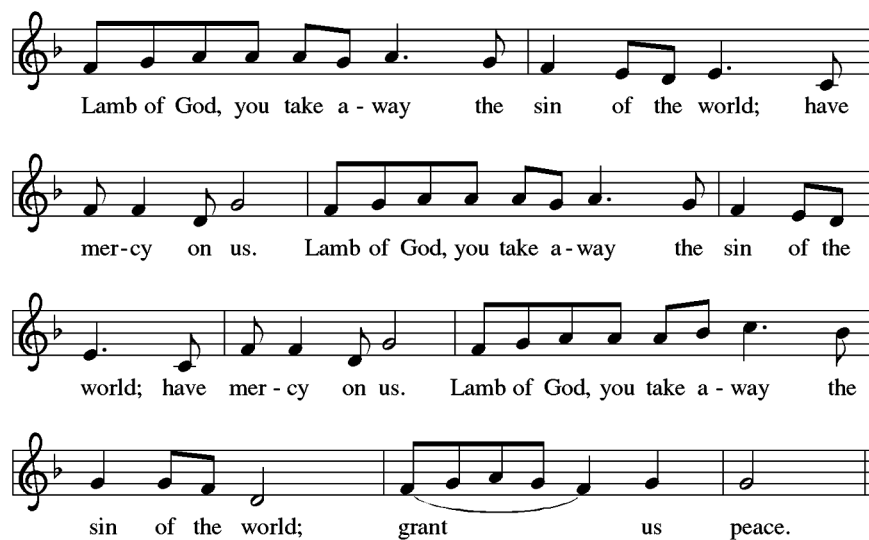
Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.

POST COMMUNION SONG

You are invited to stand as able.



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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,

And the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING SONG ELW#367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

Announcements:	Sarah Madison
Altar Care:	Marlene Kiser
Acolytes:	Daniel Laryea & Shirley Prouty
Communion Servers:	Peggy Moser & Linda Duffek
Prayer Leader:	Karen Linfor
Reader:	Phil Petersen
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Ushers:	Kelly Boyer & Rosie Brown
Refreshments:	Easter Continental Breakfast
Trumpeter:	Paul Maki
Trombone:	Pastor Rob Williamson



Altar Flowers

Flowers Today Provided by:

Karen Linfor

In memory of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
martyred on 4-9-1945, for his faith.



THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S
April 5th - 11th 2026

Today	Continental Breakfast	9:30 am
	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am
	Easter Sunday Service	10:30am
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study on Zoom	10:00 pm
Saturday	W-ELCA	11:30 am





*The Easter Lilies that decorate our
sanctuary today were generously donated
and dedicated from the following:*

*Carolyn Andrews
In Honor of the Season*



*Carol Carney
In Memory of:
My dear husband
Jerry Carney*



*Kristin & Mark Encinas
In Memory of:
Rachel Encinas*



*Vicki Esparza
In Memory of:
My Mother Gladys Barros
& Father Arthur Barros*



Marilyn Ferris Steed
In Memory of:
Lyman & Helen Ferris



Tom & Faith Harper
In Memory of:
William J. Owen (Faith's Brother)
Who passed on March 18th, 2026



Dorothy Haney
In Memory of:
My Mom - Elise Haney



Kirsten Ireton
In Memory of:
Ed Ireton
In Honor of:
The glory of the risen Lord



*Karen Linfor
In Memory of:
Jerry Linfor*



*Jon Linfor & Laura Weaver
In Memory of:
Brother Joel Linfor
In Memory of Laura's Parents
Gary & Marilyn Weaver*



*Peggy Moser
In Memory of:
All those we have loved and lost*



*Chet and Sarah Madison
In Memory of
Our parents:
Harold & Gladys Madison
Marcellous & Elizabeth Nabors*



Bill Myers
In memory of:
My sister R.J. Crause



Phil Petersen
In Memory of:
Ian Petersen



Shirley Prouty
In Memory of:
Parents - Jack & Emma Tate
Late husband - Robert Prouty



Brenda Sulzmann
In Memory of:
Carole Johnson



*Faith Thomas
In Honor of:
Jesus Christ*



*Carole Vance
For the love of God*



*Christiana Wilson
To the glory of God
thanksgiving for his love*



