



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Second Sunday after Easter
April 12, 2026
10:30 AM**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 6

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

arr. Jan Sanborn

Gathering Hymn: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

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- 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.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.
- 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.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

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Greeting

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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.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia. (Repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia (Repeat)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

...one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

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

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:14

¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: John 11: 25-26

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: John 20: 19-31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he

said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Karla Wildberger

Hymn of the Day: *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

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1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Statement of Faith

*Together we profess our faith with the words written by our confirmation students:
Faith Boyle, Sophia Gillen and Serenity Stache*

We have faith in...

...God, who is great.

...Jesus, who is my Savior.

...the Holy Spirit, who is amazing. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

...Merciful God, receive our prayer.

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: Deep Peace

Choir Anthem

Thank you for your gifts and offerings. Whether you give electronically, or by cash or check in an envelope, we greatly appreciate your continued support of God's ministries.

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

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

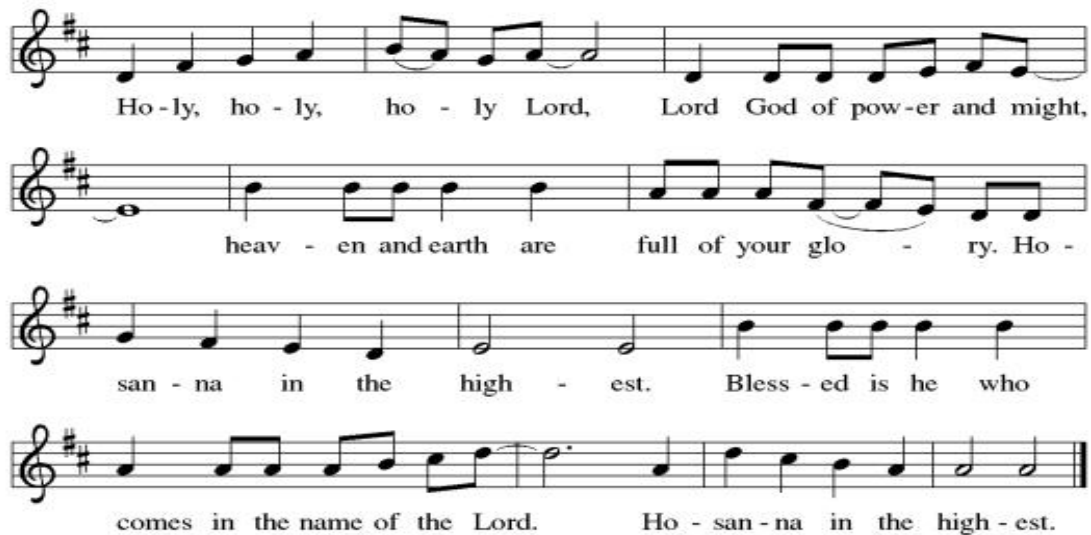
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: *I Am the Bread of Life*

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- 1 "I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

- 2 "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." **Refrain**

- 3 "Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." Refrain

- 4 "I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." **Refrain**

- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. **Refrain**

Post-Communion Blessing

...Amen.

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.**

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *We Sing Your Praises*

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Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. **Repeat**

1 Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread,

I am wine, I am bread,

give to all who thirst and hunger. **Refrain**

2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

arr. Jan Sanborn

Announcements

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, April 12	9:30 AM	Fellowship with cake
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
	5:00PM	Pastor Karla's Retirement Bash meal immediately following
Wednesday, April 15	6:00 PM	NOW rehearsal
Saturday, April 18	8:30 AM	Highway Cleanup
Sunday, April 19	8:00AM	Worship in person
	9:00AM	Fellowship
	9:15AM	Faith Formation/Adult Bible Study
	10:30AM	NOW Worship in person or on-line

Sunday, April 12

Today we are celebrating Pastor Karla's retirement with one Service at 10:30AM.
Join us for cake at 9:30AM to celebrate Pastor Karla's time with Lord of Life.

Pastor Karla's Retirement Bash

All are invited to celebrate Pastor Karla's retirement on today, April 12th. Festivities start at 5PM with a meal following. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, so we can make sure we have enough food.

April is World Hunger Month If you choose to contribute to this it can be added to the regular offering envelope.

Highway Cleanup

Our annual highway cleanup of the last mile long stretch of the NW Arterial will be at 8:30AM on Saturday, April 18. Details and sign-up are in the Narthex. Call Steve Heer with questions and/or details: (563) 451-8063.

Easter Lilies provided by the following:

Val Kennedy and family in memory of Janet Grimm and Jack Kennedy

Ted, Angie, Josie, Luke, Seth and Faith Boyle in memory of great grandparents

Jim & Bernita Gilbertson in memory of Pastor Henry and Rosebud

Larry & Barb Croghan in memory of parents

Kevin & Kris Erickson-Eipperle in honor of our parents

Kurt & Susan Hansen in memory of our parents

Phil & Peggy Granovsky in memory of the gift of Christ's resurrection

Pat Friedman in memory of my sister, Sharon

Astine & Ryan Bose

Chris & Gretchen Kueter in honor of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ

Jake, Kim and Marc Ohms in memory of Susan Ohms

The Shook Family in memory of Emma Sandberg

Dale Schrobilgen in memory of Jan Helwig-Schrobilgen and Bette Schrobilgen

Galen & Debbie Thomas in memory of Jerry Neseth and Orpha Neseth

Linda Bothwell in memory of Bruce Bothwell



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This Week's Worship Servants

Readers: 8:00	10:30 Wayne Olsen
Ushers: 8:00	10:30 Phil Granovsky
Tech/PPT: 8:00	10:30 Sam Klinebriel

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