



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
8:00 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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Gathering Song: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 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!

Text Latin Carol, 14th cent., sts. 1 -3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707 – 1788. st. 4 Music: Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708 Public Domain

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.

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 and honor and 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.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

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

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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.

³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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

The Rev. Karla Wildberger

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!

- 5 Alleluia! now we cry
to our Lord immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia! with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia! yet again
to the Spirit raising.

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

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...in the name of 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: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (vs. 1)

ELW 860

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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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- 1 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

- 2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. **Refrain**
- 3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
See the grave its first fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. **Refrain**
- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. **Refrain**

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Post-Communion Blessing

...Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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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 Song: *Thine is the Glory*

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1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **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 5	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, April 8	6:30 PM	Choir rehearsal (soprano/alto)
Thursday, April 9	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Sunday, April 12	10:30AM	Worship in person
	5:00PM	Pastor Karla's Retirement Bash Meal immediately following

Sunday, April 12

There will be ONE service on April 12th 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 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
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Worship Online

YouTube Channel: Lord of Life Lutheran Church; website: lordoflife.online
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This Week's Worship Servants

Readers:	8:00 Jenn Cartee	10:30 Diane Frambach
Ushers:	8:00 Deaver's	10:30
Tech/PPT:	8:00 Kevin Cartee	10:30 Sam Klinebriel

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