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**Order of Worship**  
**Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 – 10:30 AM**  
**Pastor Matthew Cephus**

**Pianist: Karrie Kikeh**

# **Welcome to God's House!**

*We strive to be the local church in the community of Northeast Minneapolis, who are here to help people come to KNOW Jesus, GROW in their faith and GO into the world equipped to SERVE others. GLORY TO GOD!*

**Today's Topic:** The resurrection is not just a historical event, but a living reality that impacts how Christians live and believe. By rising from the dead, Jesus Christ demonstrated that He had cleansed the guilt of our past and is able to help us in our present lives. Moreover, the Resurrection demonstrates the power of God and the victory over death, paving the way for believers to share in Christ's resurrection.

*A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any assistance to you, please speak with the Pastor after the service or via the church office. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week. We look forward to seeing you again.*

**Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?** If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in each pew. They will be added to the Prayer list. You can hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will be given to the Pastor to be included in the prayers for today. ***Other prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office at 612.781.1989.***

***Children are welcome in worship!***

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated.***

When we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. e.

*Gloria Dei's Wednesday Bible Study will be taking a short break while Pastor Matthew travels to Liberia on a Mission trip. We will resume on May 28. See you then!*

# Festival of Easter Sunday

**AS WE GATHER:** The Resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our Christian Faith. His resurrection assures us that our future is safe and secure. Without Christ's resurrection we would have no salvation from sin, and no hope for our own future resurrection. **He's risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*+ CONNECT +*

**WELCOME SONG**      **"Here I Am to Worship"**      **Royal Family Praise Team**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS**

**OPENING HYMN**    **"Alive, Alive, Alive Forever More"**    **Royal Family Praise Team**

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

**L:**      Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:**      **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"**      **LSB 457**  
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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!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

L: Let us confess our sins unto God our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and ready to forgive.

*(Silence for personal confession and reflection)*

C: **Merciful Father, you know the ways in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Lord, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are our hope and our King. You are our resurrected Lord. You are the one who forgives our sins. You are the one who loves us more deeply than we can ever imagine. Teach us, oh Lord, to live like You. Amen.**

## FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

### SONG OF PRAISE

### "Thank You Jesus for the Blood"

*Charity Gayle*

**Royal Family Praise Team with Congregation joining in on the "Chorus"**

**Chorus:** Thank You, Jesus For the blood applied  
Thank You, Jesus It has washed me white  
Thank You, Jesus You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness Into glorious light

*+ NURTURE +*

**OLD TESTAMENT****Read by Julie Cross****Isaiah 53:1-12**

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**L:** The Word of the risen Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**EPISTLE LESSON****Read by Julie Cross****Ephesians 2:12-19**

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace

to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

L: The Word of the risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Read by Archie Saye**

**Luke 24:1-8**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

### ***The Resurrection***

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words.

L: This is the Gospel of our risen Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461 vs 1,2,4,8**

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I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint

He lives all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

*+ EMPOWER +*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C:** **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.**

**PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**L:** It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you, Amen.**

**COMMUNION SONG**    **"The Anthem – You Have Won the Victory"**    *William Murphy*  
**Royal Family Praise Team**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **CLOSING SONG**

## **“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”**

**LSB 477**

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Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross is victim for the world’s salvation bled –  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow’rs of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*+ Silent Prayer +*

## **POSTLUDE**

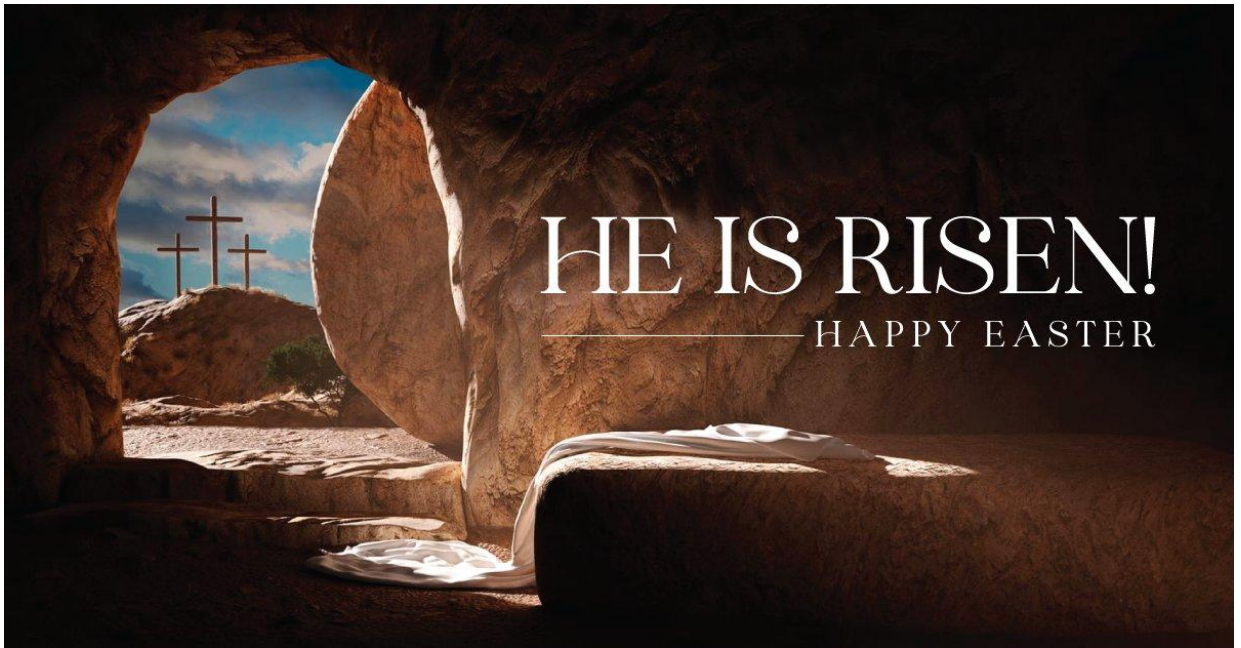
*+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +*

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## *The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday, April 20)*

*O day of joy, our hearts are filled with Easter praise.  
You overcame my shame and strife; You chose this day to win  
my life. Though Your eyes did shut and close, as You  
promised, You arose! I thank Thee, O may risen King, that life  
eternal You did bring! No stone, no seal, no plan could keep  
You from gloriously rising from the dead! Amen.*



## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

#### **Easter Sunday**

**4/20 Sun**

**10:30 am     Joint Worship with Holy Communion,  
Pastor Matthew Cephus**

6:00 pm     NA

**4/21 Mon**

7:00 pm     Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm     AlAnon (upstairs)

**4/23 Wed**

**11:00 am     NO Bible Study**

**4/25 Fri**

5:00 pm     Living Word Music Rehearsal

**4/26 Sat**

10:00 am     Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm     Living Word Prayer Night

**4/27 Sun**

#### **Second Sunday after Easter**

**10:00 am     Worship with Holy Communion,  
Guest Pastor Vue Lee**

11:45 am     Royal Family Worship

6:00 pm     NA



**Thank You . . . .**

Wade Billmeyer, Katie Beth & Daniel Carlson, Pastor Matthew & Family, Karmon & Meridel Christopherson, Julie Cross, Chris Hadrath, Shirley Holzinger, Gwen Johnson, Tom & Patty Lyrenmann, Barb McDonald, Roselyn Norman, Al, Pam & Aaron Morelli, Verlayne Sather, Pat Scott, Shirley Slagle, Sandy Westling for their generous donation of blooming plants for our Easter Garden. Our altar looks amazing! Also, a special thank you to Patty Lyrenmann for making all the arrangements.

***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!***



## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**April 20**

**"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"**

**(John 20:5-7)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**April 27**

**"Through Locked Doors"**

**(John 20:19)**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

### **STEWARDSHIP:** *Easter - Luke 24:6-7*

"He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen — He is risen indeed!

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:**

"Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'" *John Stonestreet – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week's episode is **"Three Days"** — The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer, District President of the SD District LCMS in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled **"Heart's Celebration"** based on **John 20:1-18**. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.