

Easter Sunday



Sunday, April 20, 2025
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Welcome to Central Lutheran Church.

You are welcome, no exceptions.

Here are a few notes you might find helpful for worship:

Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.

Masks are welcomed. Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

PRELUDE

“Grand Choeur Dialogue”

Eugène Gigout,
arr. Mark Adler

Gathering

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

No tomb could hold him!

The glory of the Lord is revealed!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Hymn 365
arr. James Biery

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of 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. I 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.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

Hymn 370

Stanzas 1-2

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the



third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

Hymn 370

Stanzas 4-5

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

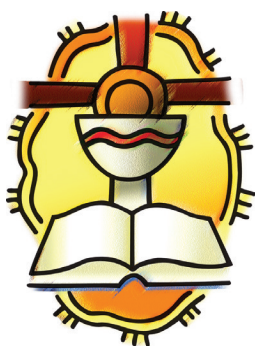
Hymn 367

Arr. Jeremy Bankson

APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

Sir James MacMillan (b. 1959) is a Scottish composer whose music draws on his Catholic faith, as well as Scottish and Celtic influences. In March and April of 2025, Sir MacMillan came to Minneapolis for a residency with several church choirs from the Twin Cities, VocalEssence, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. "Haec Dies" was commissioned for, and premiered at, the concert "Voices for a Cathedral," held on April 5th at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The Central Choir, along with six other church choirs, sang at the premier under his direction. "Haec Dies" is the gradual for Easter Sunday; in the Latin mass, the gradual is sung before the Gospel.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition concludes:

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Haec Dies"

Sung in Latin:

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea,
Alleluia.*

*Confitemini Domino, quoniam
bonus: Quoniam in saeculum
misericordia eius, Alleluia.*

James MacMillan

Translation:

This is the day which the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia.

Praise the Lord for he is good:
for his mercy endures forever,
Alleluia.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN

"Hail Thee, Festival Day"

Hymn 394

Verses Easter 1 and Easter 2

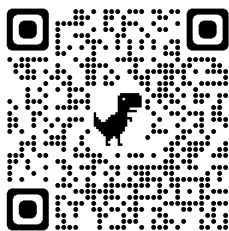
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.



This year's special Easter appeal is for the ministry of the Central Restoration Center. There are offering envelopes available at the sanctuary doors for your special offering. You can also use this QR code to make an online gift for this remarkable, shared ministry by choosing "Restoration Center" in the "fund" line.

It is indeed right...

...and join in 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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...

... All this we offer in the name of the risen One, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As Easter people, we pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins.

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

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.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Jacob Hintze,
arr. James Biery

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side.
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Where the Paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.*

*Mighty victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light:
Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and in you your saints shall rise.*

*Easter triumph, Easter Joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be.
Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guid through all our days: Three in one, your name we praise.
Alleluia, amen!*

Latin, 4th century,; Translated Robert Campbell

“Christians to the Paschal Victim”

Cathy Moglebust

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Hymn 379



(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the ✠ Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

Hymn 376

Arr. Robert Hobby

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presiders</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	
Tom Edelen	<i>assisting minister</i>
Rod Richter	<i>readers</i>
Robert Sime	
Sam Friesen	<i>crucifers</i>
Jack Friesen	
Choir	<i>ensembles</i>
Bell Choir	
Joe Osowski	<i>choir director</i>
Todd Wedekind	<i>trumpet</i>
Greg Lewis	
William Eiseberg	<i>french horn</i>
Jonathan Kim	<i>trombone</i>
Josh Kabasta	<i>bass trombone</i>
Jon Lewis	<i>percussion</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist/bell choir director</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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