



FESTIVAL SERVICE

Easter Sunday, AD 2026

WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.

Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Headsets are available in the entryway.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 7.

OUR OFFERING / CHURCH CENTER

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Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word!

HAPPY EASTER!

A Prayer before worship

O Lord, You made the dawn of this Holy Easter Day shine with the glory of our Savior's resurrection. Grant that we, who have been raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit, may worship You in sincerity and truth. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.



+ THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD +

PLEASE STAND and face the Paschal Candle at the back of the sanctuary at the minister's invitation.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!¹

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



The minister sings: On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Paschal Candle, a symbol of resurrection and life, is brought forward signifying that CHRIST IS RISEN and is truly present among us gathered in His blessed name. He is our light and the Light of the World!

The Alleluia banner, which was put away at the beginning of Lent, is returned to the sanctuary and carried forth with joy as we sing the word "Alleluia" which means "praise the Lord."

The Processional Cross, is carried forward with joy as we remember the sacrifice completed that allows us to come before God with our prayers and praises on this blessed morning!

The worshipers turn and follow as the Paschal Candle and cross are carried to the front of the sanctuary. There the Paschal Candle stands by the baptismal font where we have been raised to new life in Jesus and the Processional Cross stands by the pulpit where Christ crucified is the center of our preaching.

Hymn 438



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

¹ This ancient Easter greeting, known as the Paschal Greeting, is one of the oldest and most wide-spread traditions in the Christian Church. Today and throughout the seven weeks of the Easter Season, whenever the minister says to the people, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" they respond loudly, joyfully and boldly: "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

EASTER DIALOGUE

Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. *Romans 4:25*

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.

Romans 5:1

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Luke 24:5

He is not here; he has risen!

Luke 24:6

Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:15

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;

the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,

we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4

He is risen—our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and reigns forever.

cf. Romans 6:9

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!.

Revelation 1:6

Let us praise the Lord!

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Hymn 511, stanza 3

The congregation sings:

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

JONAH 2:2-9

He said:
"In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.
From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.
You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers swept over me.
I said, 'I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.'
The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.
To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.
"When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.
"Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God's love for them.
But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.



ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS

Donald E Fishel; arr. Peter Sordahl

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the King of creation.

Cong: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Choir: Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Cong: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Choir: We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. God has proclaimed his gracious gift: life eternal for all who believe.

Cong: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Cong: Come, let us praise the living God; joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Christ has indeed been
raised from the dead.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen

asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

REJOICE, HE IS ALIVE! *Prince of Peace Choir*

*Rejoice, He is alive!
Jesus crucified,
Jesus Christ is risen!
Rejoice, He is alive!
Death has been denied!
Christ our Lord is risen!
O sing joyfully, shout joyfully,
Clap your hands in praise,
For Jesus crucified, cannot be denied!
Sing glad songs of joy!
Rejoice, He is alive!
Death has been denied!
Jesus Christ is Alive!
Sing praise to the Lord, the Almighty;*

Words and music: Jean Anne Shafferman; Arr. Patti Drennan

*Sing praise, O my soul, to the King!
For He is my strength and salvation!
Rejoice! And sing!
Rejoice, He is alive!
Jesus crucified,
Jesus Christ is risen!
Rejoice, He is alive!
Death has been denied!
Jesus Christ is Alive!
Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high
The cross of Christ, your King
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Rejoice He is alive!*

EASTER GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Please stand.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his

disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do

not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Alleluia! Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God
From there 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.



Be seated.

HYMN 443 AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS

EASTER SERMON

After the sermon, the congregation stands to sing:

Hymn 469, st. 1

"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"
Lo, the dead is living,
God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator,
all his works adore.

"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"

Free the souls long prisoned,
bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen
raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness;
shine in ev'ry land
as in Eden's garden
when the world began.

"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, God of grace, You have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen!

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

He is risen indeed!

We marvel at the love You showed by Your willingness to sacrifice Your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at Your mighty power, which raised Him from the dead.

We praise You for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, fill our hearts with resurrection joy by Your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in You.

Holy Spirit, keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when You will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

Alleluia!

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private prayers.

Silent prayer

Hear us, O Father, for the sake of Him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. It is in His name that we bring this and every prayer to You, just as He taught:

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.

OFFERING

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.



One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You’ll receive a link to follow in response.*

DEAR GUESTS... We’re so glad you’re here! We ask your patience and hope you will receive this request with love. Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. **We ask that only members or others in our fellowship take the Lord’s Supper this morning. Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.** Others are invited to speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil for more information about communing with us in the future. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith. Instead, it is our desire to do what the Bible teaches in 1 Corinthians 11. We know you wouldn’t want a doctor to prescribe medicine without knowing your condition; we believe that Christians should want a pastor to know your spiritual condition before giving you this powerful sacrament too. We believe that we receive just what Jesus says: His true body and blood in a miraculous way! Thank you for your understanding!

THE HOLY SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by His sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by His resurrection restored everlasting life. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this morn when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is this morn when man is reconciled to God in Christ.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

**Sing holy, holy, holy Lord,
The God on high by all adored.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The heav'ns above and earth below
To one and all His glory show.**

Sing hosanna! Christ has risen!

Life is dawning, joy increasing. Alleluia!



Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

THE WORDS OF JESUS

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

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is My ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,
Take all our sinfulness away.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,
Take all our sinfulness away.**

Mercy show us, peace bestow us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 510 | IN CHRIST ALONE

HYMN 466 | CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go in peace. Your † sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Please stand.

Almighty God, You give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in Your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the LORD with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please remain standing for the closing hymn.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Hymn 441, st 1,2,3,5,7,8

All: I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everliving head!

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

All: He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

Men: He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.



All: He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

All: 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!

Serving among us today to our risen Savior's glory...

Organ/Piano	Amy Sehloff, Greta Boettcher
Brass	Tom Bruce, Greta Boettcher
Violin	Shyna Dilawar
Vocals	Prince of Peace choir, Chandra Lange (director)
Percussion	Michael Paulsen



Hang around....

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT 11:30 THIS
MORNING!!!!**



You're always invited to Prince of Peace!

Sunday Worship

8:00 am and 10:15 am

Sunday Family Bible Hour (all ages)

9:15 - 10:00 am

Thursday night worship

6:30 pm

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