



+ THE VIGIL OF EASTER +  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

Easter Vigil

April 4, 2026  
5:00PM

WELCOME

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

**P** Let us pray.  
O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**P** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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## **SERVICE OF READINGS**

**P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### **THE CREATION**

**Genesis 1:1-2:3**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **THE FLOOD**

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA**

**Exodus 14:10-15:1**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**LSB 666      *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe***



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe      Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs      To Him who  
3 As true as God's own Word is true,      Not earth nor  
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer;      Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints,      His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes,      His Gid - eon  
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade!      God is with  
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise      A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

- P** On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, 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.

*Addressing the entire congregation, the pastor says:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF PRAYER

### LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** hear us.

**P** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin  
of the world,  
**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justifi-  
cation,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Who foretold Your passion saying, “The Son of Man must be cru-  
cified and on the third day rise again,”  
**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought  
life and immortality to light,  
**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,  
**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,  
**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road  
and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the  
breaking of the bread,  
**C** have mercy on us.

- P** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,  
**C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By Your victory over sin and death,  
**C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the majesty of Your risen body,  
**C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You  
**C** **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,  
**C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,  
**C** **grant us, good Lord.**

- P** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,  
**C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** **grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy. Amen.**

#### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The altar candles are lighted from the paschal candle and lights in the church are turned on, while the congregation sings the Hymn of Praise.*

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*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.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON            “He is Not Here”  
Text: Mark 16:1-8

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

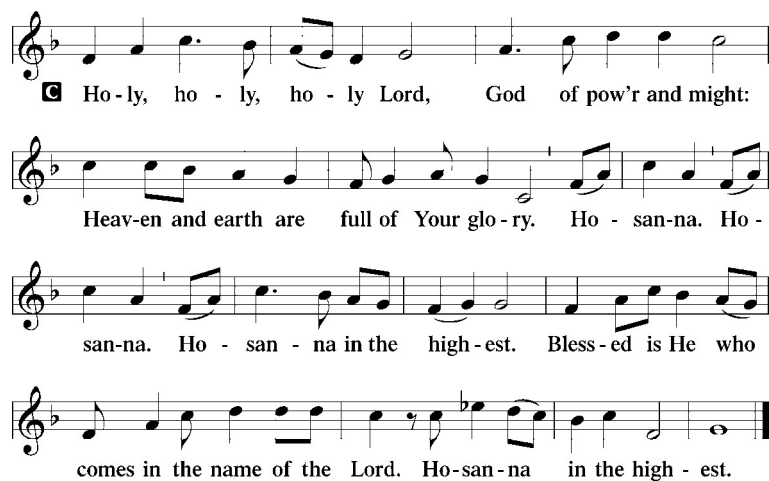
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- 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**

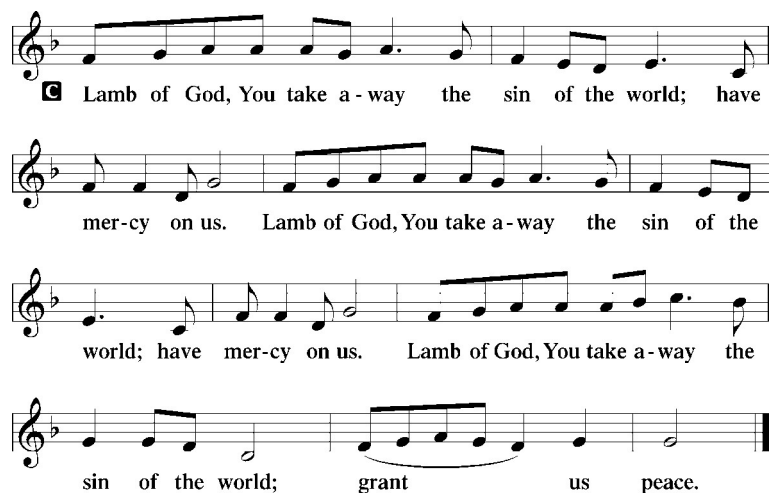
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** 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, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** 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.

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## DISTRIBUTION

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*LSB 457*

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 ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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*Christ*  
*the*  
*Lord* is  
**RISEN**  
*Today*

## SERVING YOU TODAY

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**WELCOME!** A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us today. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

**G**uests and Visitors: Happy Easter! What a joy to have you join with us in worship of the Triune God. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by:

- Karl and Xiang Mack in loving memory of our parents, George Mack, Anne Mack, and WenJun Zhao—We are deeply grateful for the blessings their lives brought to our family. *I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.* John 11:25
- Gary and Beverly Presley-Nelson to their new granddaughter Eleanor Presley Nelson, who was baptized into Christ on February 15, 2026. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* 2 Corinthians 5:17



**THE EASTER FLOWERS** that adorn our Church today are given to the glory of God on this Resurrection Day of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, by:

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***Gerda Beisel and Family***

In memory of Julius Beisel

***Beverly & Marvin Dye & Willis Family***

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***Darlene Hartman***

In honor of the Altar Guild Ladies

***Terry Hesselroth***

In memory of Rich Hesselroth, Gene and Martha Mize, and Marcia Hesselroth

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In honor of Elissa's mother - Margaret Okhi Choun



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***Renate Otterbach***

Alleluia! He is risen!

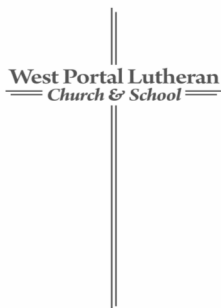
***Rhonda Short***

Remembering my parents Amelia and Richard Short and honoring Virginia Ferry

***Carl, Eric & Nancy Wildenradt***

In memory of Ted and Vernelle Wildenradt

**Note: The Altar Guild members thank you for your donations for the purchase of Easter lilies to beautify our Altar. Please take them home with you and enjoy them. Happy Easter!**



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