

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Worship – 8:30 am and 10:00 am**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Prelude:** *Exultation Ringers*

**Greeting & Welcome:**

*Christ is risen!*

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**(10 am) Children invited up & sent off on their search for Jesus**

**Choral Call to Worship:** *Introit for Easter*

Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

**Responsive Proclamation:**

*On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.*

**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

*On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.*

**But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

*The good news is dancing!*

**The good news is on the loose!**

*The good news is out in the world, calling your name!*

**Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

*Let us worship our good-news Christ.*

**Opening Hymn:** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Exultation Ringers

**Call to Confession:**

*Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God ....Friends, let us pray:*

**Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to

embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.

**Words of Forgiveness:**

*Family of faith, ... So join me in this good news declaration:*

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Special Music:** *Worship the King of Kings*

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen.

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:1-10 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

**(All) Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn:** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

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**Message:** *The Good News is ... alive in the world*

**Song of Response:** *Living Hope*

Phil Wickham

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** *Resurrection Alleluias*

arr. Stephen Wurst

*Exultation Ringers*

**Doxology – Hymn 94**

**Offertory Prayer**

**(10 am) Children Return to find Jesus**

**Opportunities Coming Soon!** (Announcements)

**Blessing** (Good News Benediction)

Christ is risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**Closing Song:** *A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Brooke Ligertwood

**Postlude:**

***Please join us for Coffee Fellowship  
In between the services***

**Our Staff:**

*Pastor: Rev. Kim Poer*

*Office Administrator: Nancy Volgamore*

*Music Director: Matthew Compton*

*Accompanist: Josh Billings*

*Family Ministries: Tiffiney Nordby*

*Preschool Director: Ashley Skelton*

*Preschool Teacher: Angela Parrish*

*Youth Ministries: Lacey Kelley*

**TODAY'S SERVANTS:**

***Readers:*** 8:30 – Lynne Kingsley

10:00 – Darcy Davis

***Greeters:*** 8:30 – Jean Berkheiser & Pam Copeland

10:00 – Rich & Sandy Bippes

***Ushers:*** 8:30 – Winston Asai & Greg Berry

10:00 – Elaine Gilbert & Larry Siewert

***A/V Booth:*** 8:30 – Dan Kingsley & Brian Poer

10:00 – Glenn Ekberg & Brian Poer

***Information Desk:*** 8:30 – Kathy Bachman

10:00 – Dana Biles

***Coffee Hosts:*** Terry & Kristie Brown

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