



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!

*If you are a guest, we are delighted that you're here.
If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.*

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SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Joyce Martin
Prayer Leader: Debi Musick
Ushers: Brandon Carey, Bill Bandi, Blake Behrens, Diane Dewing & Ron Maxfield
Children's Message: Jill Nobles-Botkin
Altar Guild: Amy Bandi
Communion Assistants: Joyce Martin, Debi Musick, Rick & Patricia Ayling, Abby Moeller,
Tom Todd & Ann Lawton
Video assistant: Rick Ayling
Acolyte & Crucifer: Luke Purdum & Emma Lewis
PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

EASTER LITANY: --Please stand.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has become my salvation.

There is a song of joy and victory in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

Because of the Lord's victory I will not die.

Instead I will live and proclaim what God has done.

Open to me the gates of the Temple.

I will go in and give thanks to the Lord.

I will give thanks to the Lord, for he has answered me.

He has become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.

The Lord has done this. It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day of the Lord's victory.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

He is risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: #365 ***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*** w/Canticle Ringers & Steve Klaasen

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 heav'nly 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 heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

This is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.


All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the




hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

3At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. **2**Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, **3**the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. **4**Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. **5**Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. **6**For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2**Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, **3**for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4**When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Please stand.



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2**And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3**His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. **4**For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5**But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6**He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7**Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." **8**So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. **9**Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10**Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE
HYMN

Jill Nobles-Botkin
Risen Indeed!
Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

SPLC Adult Choir

#855 ***Crown Him With Many Crowns*** vs.1, 3 & 4 w/Canticle Ringers & Steve Klaasen

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love- behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

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.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in you our God reveals the awesome power of love that is stronger even than death. As in your dying you destroyed death, so in your rising may we be raised above the trials and torments of this world's woe. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, the fullness of your life revealed in an empty tomb, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your resurrection the power of love breaks open the earth and frees life from death. As the angel rolled away the stone from the prison of the tomb, so release those imprisoned by life's misfortunes. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, whose life brings surprises beyond our wildest expectations, be honor and glory, now and forever. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your simple word of greeting made the hearts of the women leap with joy. Speak your word of love to those whose hearts are broken, that they too may hear your loving, beckoning call. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, whose call summons us to life in all its fullness, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

COMMUNION

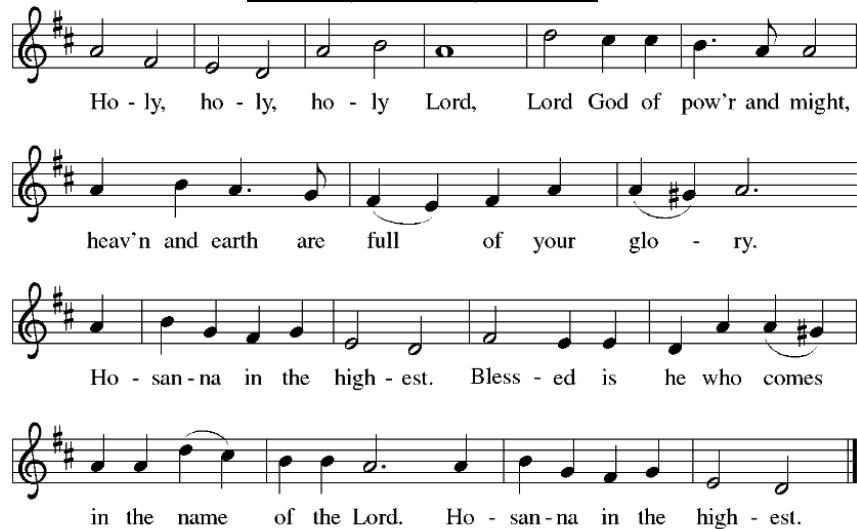
The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

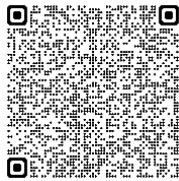
Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Share the good news. ***Thanks be to God.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed Monday, April 6th.

BLACKWELDER'S LAST SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the last week that we will host the Blackwelder Brass quintet. This has been an exceptional group, and the choir would like to host a small reception for them after worship service so that you can greet them and express your appreciation for their contributions to our worship services this year. Plan on attending!

ALSO, that same day is their recital at OCU. They will present a program that evening at 7:30 pm in the Wanda Bass Music Building in the small rehearsal hall. Several of you have attended in years past and know how impressive and entertaining the recitals are. If you have that time available, plan to be there! FREE ADMISSION

YOUTH MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING- APRIL 12TH

Join us NEXT SUNDAY after Sunday school to continue discussing mission trip details and upcoming fundraisers. Location TBD.

FLYFISHERS OF MEN XXI

Get out your fishing gear. The weather is warming up and it's time to begin planning for "Flyfishers of Men XXI." Mark your calendars for May 18-22 when we'll be holding our annual fishing trip to beautiful Roaring River in the heart of the Ozarks. A sign-up sheet is attached to the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Friedemann. We hope you can join us for some great Christian fellowship and hopefully good fishing.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is open! We ask for help keeping it stocked. Please bring non-expired, nonperishable food items to the church. Feel free to place your items in the pantry cabinet (set on the north side of the main entrance) or leave items in the cart in the narthex. If you are looking for suggestions for items to bring, there are lists on the information table in the narthex.

Questions- contact Alana Adair.

APRIL

4/5- 9:30am Easter/Resurrection Sunday

4/6- OFFICE CLOSED

9am Canticle Ringers

4/7- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/8- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

4/12- 9:30- Worship & Education

Youth Parent Meeting (*after worship*)

5-7pm Youth night

4/13- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/14- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/15- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

4/16- 1pm XYZ

4/19- 9:30- Worship & Education

4/20- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/21- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/22- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

4/26- 9:30- Worship & Education

11:45 Prayer Partner Banquet

4/27- 9am Canticle Ringers

4/28- 6:30 Twilight Tones

4/29- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Dinner

6:30 Education & Adult Choir



Easter Lily Donors

Name

In Honor Of

The Botkin Family	Family in Service to the Church
Ann & Tracy Caine	Our children and grandchildren
Phil and Donna Crissup	Our children and grandchildren
Milt & Lynne Elias	Our Families
Ron & Donna Jantz	Our Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Tom & Cherry Jerlow	To the glory of Our Risen Lord
Keith & Liddy Kilpatrick	To the glory of Our Risen Lord
Charles & Bernice Nithman	Our children, Kathy Nithman, Karoline and Mark Daniel; & our grandchildren: Megan and Eric Lewis, Kristen Daniel
Tony & Shelly Nutter	All of our wonderful family, near and far
Steve and Risa Powell	Our Granddaughter, Finley Powell
The Randall Family	Loved Ones Still With Us
Jason & Stefanie Rowinski	Our Daughters, Evelyn and Kate
Paula and Bill Schopflin	Our grandchildren
Oyvind and Leslie Sunnarvik	Our daughter, Ingrid
Tom & Vahla Todd	Our children and grandchildren

Name

In Memory of

Sarah, Allen, Olivia & Luke Baker	Leta Goeringer, Mom & Grandma & Eugene Goeringer, Brother & Uncle
Bill and Amy Bandi	Our Parents, Raymond & Irma Bandi & Albert & Jean Ledebuhr
Gene and Carolyn Behrens	Our daughter, Erica
Ann & Tracy Caine	Our Parents: Don & Caroline Peterson and Bud & Alice Caine
Phil and Donna Crissup	Charles & Leona Elliott and Dick & Phyliss Crissup
Tom and Cindy Friedemann	Our Parents and Grey Faull
Ron & Donna Jantz	Our Parents, Grandparents, Great Grandson & all other family members
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Carol Medlinger	My Beloved, Bill
Janet Miller	My son, Jeff
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Anita Murray	My husband, Roger & Debi Musick & Our beloved son, Bryce
Jean Porter	My husband, Don Porter & our son, Terry Porter
Nola & Bob Pirog	Our Parents
Jean Porter	My Husband, Don Porter & our son, Terry Porter
Steve and Risa Powell	Risa's Brother, Robert Schmidt & Steve's Dad, David Powell
The Randall Family	Our loved ones no longer with us
Mike & Hayley Thompson	Hayley's Parents, Art & Barbara McPheeters & Mike's Dad, Monte Thompson
Tom & Vahla Todd	Our Parents
Marci Waguespack	Margo Adams Baker, Brent Waguespack and our parents: Roy & Connie Waguespack, and Joe & Carolyn Adams
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