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EASTER

Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:

Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.

Welcome to Worship :: April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday

Today's Worship Ministers

Usher: *Adam Sanberg*
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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In April we are supporting our local chapter of the Special Olympics. Join us on April 12th to hear a special message from Kaylee McLaughlin who will share her experiences with Special Olympics.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Charlotte Volz, Richard Schlicher, Tim Greene, Eloise Swisher

Reception to Honor Caring Hearts

Sunday, April 12th, after worship, we will be hosting a cake reception to honor Betty Bruyn and Glenna Martin to thank them for their years of dedicated love and service leading our Caring Hearts ministry.

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Thanksgiving for Baptism
The Peace
Opening Hymn: ELW 365, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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The Word/Prayer

Greeting
Kyrie: ELW Setting 8, page 184
Hymn of Praise, ELW Setting 8, page 187

Prayer of the Day

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

Special Music
Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 8, page 188
Matthew 28:1-10
Sermon
Hymn: ELW 369, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!
Nicene Creed
Prayers of Intercession
Offering Prayer
Offering Hymn: ELW 692, We Are an Offering

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Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 8, page 190
Preface
"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 8, page 190
Communion Prayer
Lord's Prayer
"Lamb of God", ELW Setting 8, page 191
Distribution
Post Communion Prayer

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Sending

Benediction
Closing Hymn: ELW 367, Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Dismissal

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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.

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."