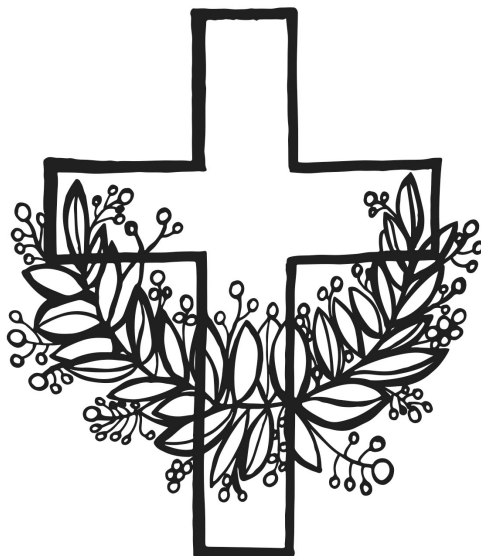


Nativity Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Our 93rd Year”

April 5, 2026



Welcome to Nativity Lutheran Church; please take a moment to fill out the visitor cards found in the pews. Prayer request can be filled out on the reverse side of the visitor card; you may place the card in the offering box or give them to Pastor Kuhl. The service today includes Holy Communion and all who desire to receive what our Lord offers in this meal, his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to partake.

For your convenience, restrooms are located in Goetz Hall on the lower level; the staircases in the church building narthex access them. There is a semi handicapped, unisex restroom located through the left front door of the sanctuary.

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Steven C. Kuhl
Lector/Reader: Arlene Renard
Minister of Music: Dennis Jon Wolfgang

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

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Prelude

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN) – setting by
Robert W. Thygeson
Concerto in G Major: Allegro – Johann Ernst/arranged by
Johann Sebastian Bach
Trumpet Rondeau in D Major – David Lasky
Solo – We’re You There When God Raised Him...
Spiritual

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – ELW No. 365
Tune: LYRA DAVIDICA/EASTER HYMN

Welcome and Announcements

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie – ELW page 147

Hymn of Praise – ELW page 149

“This is the feast of victory for our God.”

Prayer of the Day - “Today’s Readings” Insert

Please respond Amen.

**Please be seated for the Readings*

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43 - *“Today’s Readings” Insert*

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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Psalmody

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - *“Today’s Readings” Insert*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

We will sing the “This Is the Day” Text, please repeat the following refrain after the cantor and at the conclusion of each verse.

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Let Us Rejoice

Psalm II for the Easter Season

Psalm 118

Marty Hauger



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



joice and be glad; _____ This is the day the
lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, Al -



Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!____
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! _____

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1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever; Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."
**refrain

2. The hand of the Lord has struck with pow'r, his right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. **refrain

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, the Lord of love and mercy, has brought wonder to our eyes!

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Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 - "Today's Readings" Insert.

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

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Gospel Acclamation – ELW No. 174
*Celtic Alleluia *Please stand if able.*

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is announced: Matthew 28:1-10

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

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R: The Gospel of the Lord.

Concluding Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Steven Kuhl

Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! – ELW No. 382

Tune: MORGENLIED

Please stand for the final verse.

Affirmation of Baptism

Blessing of Baptismal Waters

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his

family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith – ELW page 235

Affirmation by the Assembly – ELW page 237

Prayers of the People

P: Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

Sharing of Peace

Offering Response

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord – ELW No. 184

**Please stand if able.*

You may place your offerings, visitor cards and prayer request cards in the white church found in the narthex of the church either before or after our worship service.

Offering Prayer

**Please stand if able.*

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness

and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love in the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

The Meal/Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface –
ELW page 152

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW page 153

Eucharistic Prayer IV
Sung Eucharistic Acclamations – ELW page 153

Christ has died. & Amen.

Spoken Acclamations

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...burning with justice, peace and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer – ELW page 154

Lamb of God – ELW page 154

Invitation To Communion

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

Distribution

**Please be seated.*

*All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.
Please come forward to the Communion Rail.*

Communion Music

The Holy City – Stephen Adams

Robert Stuart Mitchell – Tenor Soloist

Post Communion Canticle – ELW No. 207

“Thankful hearts and voices raise;”

**Please stand if able.*

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Thine Is the Glory – ELW No. 376

Tune: JUDAS MACCABAEUS

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Fanfare – Jacques Lemmens

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Nativity's Leadership

Rev. Dr. Steven C. Kuhl - Pastor

Dennis Jon Wolfgang – Director of Music/Organist

James Ribnek, III – President

Dr. Robert Saur – Vice President

Jill Mickelson – Treasurer

Nicole DeBack – Secretary

Church Council Members at Large

Sandra Larson, Gerald and Tammy Newburg,

Dennis Jon Wolfgang

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

As a Community we pray: For those with immediate needs of healing and strength: Gary Brautigam, Marvelyn Cockcroft, Gary Hanson, Cheryl Isotalo, Maureen Jones, James Larson, Sarah O'Brien, Susan Platt, Rev. Mick Roschke, Maureen Sopa, and Jennifer Wigand. If you know of individuals that need to be added to or taken off the list please let any Council Member know.

Birthdays this Week.

Today Sunday, April 5th – **Robert Nell**

Monday, April 6th – **Jill Mickelson**

The next **Nativity Church Council** will be Sunday, April 19th following worship. All members of Nativity are invited to attend Church Council meetings.

A huge **Thank You** to all who made our Holy Week Services a great success; from reading, to moving crosses, to decorating, to assembling worship aids and a host of other tasks behind the scenes. Thank You!!!!

New at Nativity – Sewing Club

Starting Tuesday March 10th thru Tuesday April 7th 5 to 8 PM in Goetz Fellowship Hall (enter 69th St. Door). Choose from two different projects a “Sweatshirt Jacket Upcycle” or a “Memory Bear”.

Questions should be directed to Tammy Newburg. Tammy’s contact information can be obtained from Jim, Pastor Steve or Dennis.

Stewardship/Offerings: We are always grateful for everyone’s financial support, no matter how large or small the gift. If you cannot attend worship in person, you may mail your offerings and donations to the church at any time. The mailing address is on the back of this bulletin. Have you remembered Nativity Lutheran Church in your estate planning?

Nativity Lutheran Church is **pet friendly**; you are invited to bring your leashed service or companion animal to all Nativity Worship Services or Events.

This Week’s Calendar

Location Key: “S”=Sanctuary, “G”=Goetz Fellowship Hall, “UC”=Upper Meeting/Conference Room, “C”=Children’s Area

TODAY:	4/5	Palm Sunday 11:00 AM “S” Nativity Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday:	4/7	12:00 PM “G” S.A. 12-step 5-8 PM “G” Sewing Club
Wednesday:	4/8	9:00 AM “UC” Quilters 8:00 PM A.A. Al-Anon
Friday:	4/10	12:00 PM “G” S.A. 12-step
Saturday	4/11	8:30 AM “S” Organ Lesson
Sunday:	4/12	Easter II 11:00 AM “S” Nativity Worship/Com.

Commemorations this Week

Commemorations: When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men and women across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. As we remember such Christians, we remember them in the context of remembering Christ. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Yet their lives point to how God's "extraordinary grace (works) in ordinary people". "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith" (Augsburg Confession).

Monday, April 6th, – Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists:

These great German artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Thursday, April 9th, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945: Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who, at the age of twenty-five, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, and with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the Confessing Church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. He was linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life and sent to Buchenwald, then to Schönberg prison. After leading a worship service on April 8, 1945, at Schönberg prison, he was taken away to be hanged the next

day. His last words as he left were “This is the end, but for me the beginning of life.”

The ELW includes a hymn (626) by Bonhoeffer, “By Gracious Powers.”

Friday, April 10th, Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557: Agricola was consecrated as the bishop of Turku in 1554, without papal approval. As a result, he began a reform of the Finnish church along Lutheran lines. He translated the New Testament, the prayer book, hymns, and the mass into Finnish, and through this work set the rules of orthography that are the basis of modern Finnish spelling. His thoroughgoing work is particularly remarkable in that he accomplished it in only three years. He died suddenly on a return trip from negotiating a peace treaty with the Russians.

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