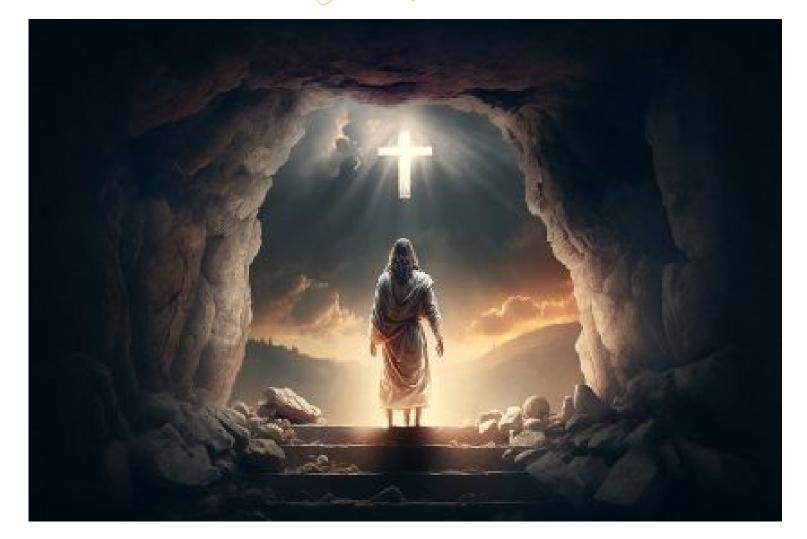
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025





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sunday	9:45am Easter Worship (SS kids unbury Alleluias) 10:45am Easter Egg Hunt	
Tuesday	9am-3pm, 7-9pm LWR Workday	
wednesday	9am-3pm LWR Workday 6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem	
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study	
Saturday	5:00pm Worship	
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship (Holy Hilarity)	





Sign up in the Welcome Center to read with Wendy Merkel's kindergarten class.

Offering 4/12 through 4/13	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$2,543.00	\$72,438.40
Capital Fund	\$215.00	\$6,217.73
Easter Lillies	\$18.00	\$128.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$60.00	\$531.13
Our Sharing Pantry	\$255.00	\$1,308.13
Good Samaritan Fund	\$100.00	\$567.00

Prayer Requests Mary Bark Lance Davenport Marion Gaffney Jen

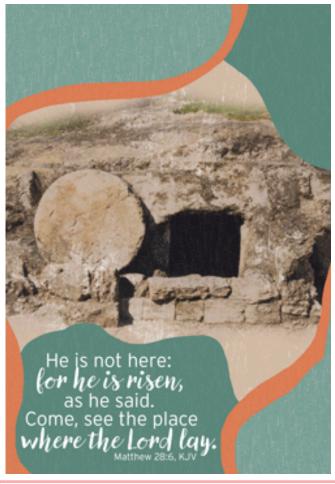
Lee Gehrke

Dean Gibson

Jim Gletty

Gianna

Mary Ann Hulon Jen Karen Linda Martin James Moris Lonnie Murray Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff Larry Rogers Shelly Lynn Skryzpiec Jack & Evelyn Smith Jackie Wendland Susan White



Dates to Remember					
Month	Date	Occasion			
APRIL	29	READING BUDDIES			
MAY	3	LADIES LUNCHEON			
MAY	11	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY			
MAY	25	WORSHIP TIME CHANGE TO 9AM			

Easter Prelude Ringing the Easter Bells Easter Fanfare Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

An Easter Call to Worship

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

G: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- P: On this glorious Easter Day, we have come to celebrate the greatness of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. On this great day, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. Dear friends in Christ, let us rejoice: Alleluia!
- **G**: Alleluia, Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation
- P: On this most holy of days, the One whom men had thought to destroy has risen triumphant from the tomb! Let us rejoice: Alleluia!
- **G**: Alleluia, Jesus has died and is risen.
- P: On this holy day, we celebrate our New Life in the Risen Christ; through the death of Jesus, the weight of our sin has been lifted from us; through His glorious resurrection, we have become sons and daughters of God. Let us rejoice: Alleluia!

G: Alleluia, come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

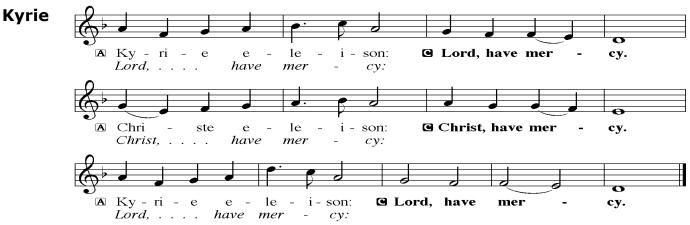
Sunday School Children unbury the Alleluias.

Gathering Hymn ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Greeting

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

G: And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

G: you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

- A: The **First Reading** for this Easter Sunday comes from the Book of Acts Chapter 10 verses 34-43
- A: Word of God, Word of Life.
- **G**: Thanks be to God.
- A: Our Psalm this Easter Sunday is **Psalm 118** selected verses ¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴ The 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!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!" ¹⁷ I 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."

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

and you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- The **Second Reading** comes from 1st Corinthians Chapter 15 verses 19-26 **A**:
- **A**: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

G: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 364 Christ Has Risen Alleluia!

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, C creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

- the forgiveness of sins,
- the resurrection of the body,
- and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

- God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the **P**: world, and all who are in need.
- **A**: ... God of grace,
- C: hear our praver.

A brief silence.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

G: Amen.

The Peace

- **P**: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- **C**: And also with you.

P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

 P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

G: Amen.

Dialogue

- **P**: The Lord be with you.
- **G**: And also with you.
- **P**: Lift up your hearts.

G: We lift them to the Lord.

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

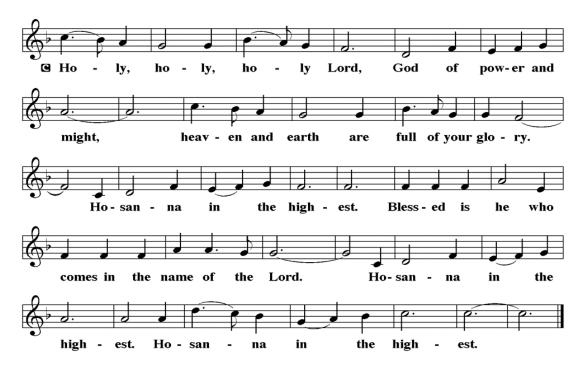
G: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Eucharistic Prayer

E: Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.''

The Lord's Prayer

- **P**: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Holy Communion is served.**

Communion Hymn ELW 474 Bread of Life From Heaven W&P 77 Jesus, Name Above All Names

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

- A: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- **G**: Amen.

Blessing

- **C**: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 376 Thine is the Glory

Dismissal

- **P**: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **G**: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- **G**: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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