



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arr. Cindy Blevins

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

All: His faithful love endures forever!

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Liturgist: The Lord has done it this very day;

All: Let us rejoice today and be glad.

Psalm 118:1, 22-24

* **All Singing: 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Resurrected Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 181 "See What a Morning"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Peter bore witness saying, "They killed him by hanging on the cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

All: He was not seen by all people, but witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Liturgist: He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

All: All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." *Acts 10:39-43*

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

George Herbert

Choir: "Antiphon" (from *Five Mystical Songs*) *RV Williams*

Let all the world in every corner sing - My God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
The church will Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

George Herbert

Liturgist: Christ indeed has been raised from the dead.

All: For since dead came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a human being.

Liturgist: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. When the end comes he will hand over the kingdom to God the after he has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

All: The last enemy to be destroyed is death. *I Corinthians 15:10-26 adapted*

* **All Singing: 206 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: After Walking

* **All Singing:** **838** **“Now Behold the Lamb”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Missionary Support: Tom & Kirstin Buursma

All Singing: **845** **“This is the Feast of Victory”**
Choir singing verses, all singing refrain

Communion

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All Singing: **830** **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**
809 **“Remembering with Love and Hope”**
837 **“Let us Break Bread Together”**
Standing to sing last verse

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **956** **“To God Be the Glory”**

Postlude: “Because He Lives” arr. Brent Olstand

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Molly Hughes
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Jim Achterhof
Violin:	David VanderWeele	Prayer:	Aron Reppmann
Cello:	Adeline Larsen		
Alto Saxophone:	Cody Decker		
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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