

Easter Sunday!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

April 9, 2023



Welcome to Easter Worship!

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Holy Communion

All who believe are welcome to commune. You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white), white bread is served, gluten free wafers are available upon request - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.

Children Are Welcome in Worship at FLW!

Activity bags for children are in the entry. The Nursery (down the hall) is available for families with young children to use.

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Proclamation

Alleluia means "God be praised." We praise God for the gift of Jesus and the promise of new life in him. We begin Easter by proclaiming "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" The church responds as did the early church: "Christ is risen indeed!" We gather as a church across time and space in celebrating our Risen Lord together.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good

God's steadfast love endures forever!

This is the Lord's doing!

It is marvelous in our eyes.

Let the people shout "Alleluia!"

Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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!

sinner 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!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.

By your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We marvel at the oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, the water that falls from the clouds above, the dew on the grass and the water that is stored deep within the earth. The gift of water washes us clean, quenches our thirst and nurtures crops and creatures.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.

In baptism, this same water, with God's word, joins us to Christ and gives us new life.

In baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

With this assurance, confess to God your sins - those times in which you have not been your best self, which is the person that God made you to be.

A moment of silence for reflection and confession.

Trusting in the power of God and the gift of baptism in which God claims you as God's beloved child, all your sins have been forgiven, washed away. May you be a witness of the power of God's resurrecting love and may the Holy Spirit shower you with grace and love. **Amen.**

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376 v. 1-2

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Take our fears and fill us with joy and courage so that our witness may be as bold as theirs, our love as deep and our faith as true. Amen**

First Lesson Acts 20: 34-43 (NRSV)

The first lesson is from Acts, the 20th chapter.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSV)

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. *Refrain.*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Second Lesson Colossians 3:1-4 (NRSV)

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.

The second lesson is from Colossians, the 3rd chapter.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 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

The Gospel Acclamation announces something special: the Holy Gospel!

Be Not Afraid

Ostinato Refrain

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-

lu-ia! Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen! Jesus meets them and again proclaims, “Do not be afraid.”

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and

became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat Gospel Acclamation

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! (2x)

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris’n this day;
death’s mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed describes the faith into which we are baptized. While the creed itself does not come from the apostles, its roots are apostolic (in keeping with the teaching of the New Testament apostles).

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
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 the People

The Prayers of the People reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

*Each petition will end with . . . Risen Lord in your mercy,
The congregation is invited to respond **hear our prayer.***

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

Anthem

Festive Alleluia

Liebergen

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offering Response



Let prais-es ring, give thanks and bring to - Christ our Lord ad - o -
ra - tion. You pure in heart, all bear your part, sing - Je - sus Christ our sal -
va - tion. To set us free for ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.

The Great Thanksgiving

The celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion is also called the Eucharist. Eucharist is a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” That is why we call the beginning of the communion proper “The Great Thanksgiving.” The Great Thanksgiving is one of the oldest parts of the liturgy, dating to the second century. It is an act of praise and thanksgiving to God for God’s works of kindness and love.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Words of Institution are the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper when he “instituted” (began) the sacrament. The Apostle Paul recorded these words in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer can be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. There are several English translations of this 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
 Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Verses

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. **Refrain**
2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**
3. We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever. **Refrain**
4. God has proclaimed the just reward: life for all people, alleluia. **Refrain**
5. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain**

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. **Refrain**

The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there." **Refrain**

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, **With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in your name. Amen.**

Sending Song

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367:1, 3, 4

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing

Receive God's blessing. The presence of the triune God is with you always.

May the God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bless you to live joyfully in the new creation. **Amen.**

Dismissal

We have come to worship to serve the Lord. Now, at the close of worship, our service does not end. The Dismissal reminds us that our service now takes another form as we go out into the world to make God's peace visible in the lives of those with whom we love and work and play.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Join Us This Morning for a Light Easter Breakfast!

We will have a light breakfast following service in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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Intern Pastor	Vicar Joanna Kathol
Music Director	Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson
Music	Chancel Choir
Trumpet.....	Stuart Lane
Communion Assistant.....	Colleen Foster Lydia Foster Sandy Hanneman Lexie Hanneman
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Usher	Brenda & Jeff Tiber
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Additional Easter Flower Remembrance
Jonah and Evan Blackman in memory of Grandpa Craig. We miss you.

