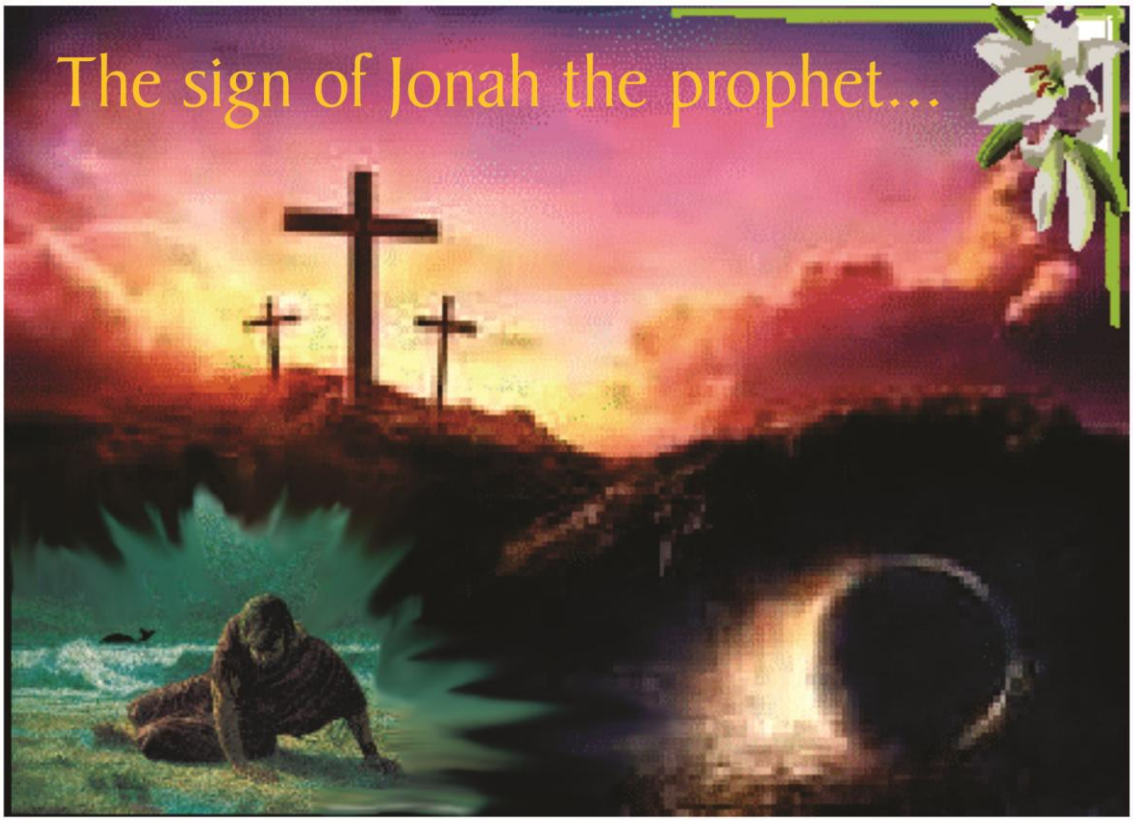

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

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EASTER
April 5, 2026

Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: God, as you rescued Jonah from the belly of a huge fish, and as you rescued your own Son from the heart of the earth after his death, so you have promised to save us from death. You may not spare us from physical death, but you promise that your Son's death on a cross has already saved us from spiritual death, and you promise that you will resurrect us from physical death, proven by your Son's resurrection. Help us to trust in your gracious promises and to live for you in thanks for your that resurrection that proves our own! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ***Introit for Easter*** Joel Raney

This is the day of celebration, this is the day of goodness and light.
Earth and sky and all creation celebrate that Christ is alive!

Christ is risen, sing hosanna, lift your voices to the sky.
Christ is risen, alleluia! He is alive, he lives on high!

Come, let us sing our Easter praises, Christ now lives and so shall we!
He conquered death and gives salvation; new life for all eternally! He is alive!

THE RESURRECTION GREETING

M: Christ is risen!
C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

M: Jesus says, "Because I live,"
C: We too shall live!

HYMN ***He's Risen, He's Risen*** CW 445

Congregation – st. 1, 3, 5 / Choir – st. 2, 4

1 He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

Please Stand

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the Gospel which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
C: By this gospel we are saved.

M: We hold firmly to this word: In keeping with the Scriptures Christ died for our sins and was buried.
C: He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

M: The wages of sin is death; "For dust you are and to dust you shall return."
C: But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

M: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;
C: He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

M: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!
C: He is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

VERSE FOR EASTER 1 Corinthians 15:22

Choir – "Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
Alleluia!"

M: But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits;
C: then, when he comes, we who belong to him.

M: The trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable,
C: and we will be changed.

M: For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable,
C: and the mortal with immortality.

M: Then the saying that is written will come true:
C: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

M: "Where, O death, is your victory?
C: Where, O death, is your sting?"

M: The sting of death is sin,
C: and the power of sin is the law.

M: Christ has arisen! Your sins are forgiven!
You are God's own dear child and an heir of the resurrection!
C: But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord for this victory!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF PRAISE ***At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*** CW 675

All 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his piercèd side. Alleluia!

Choir 2 Praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Women 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Choir 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Men 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie. You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Choir 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

All 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

All 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Jonah 2:2-9

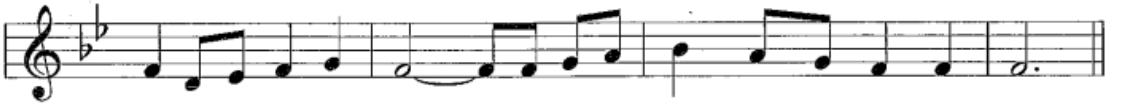
[2] He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me.
From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my
cry. [3] You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the
currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. [4] I
said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward
your holy temple.' [5] The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep
surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. [6] To the roots of the
mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you,
Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. [7] "When my life was ebbing
away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy
temple. [8] "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for
them. [9] But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I
have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY ***Psalm 118*** arr. Brian Henkelmann

Choir/Cantor:
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:



I will not die but live, and will pro- claim what the Lord has done.

Choir:
The Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.
The Lord's right hand is lifted high;
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
I will give you thanks for you answered me;
You have become my salvation.
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:
The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

[1] Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I
preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your
stand. [2] By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I
preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

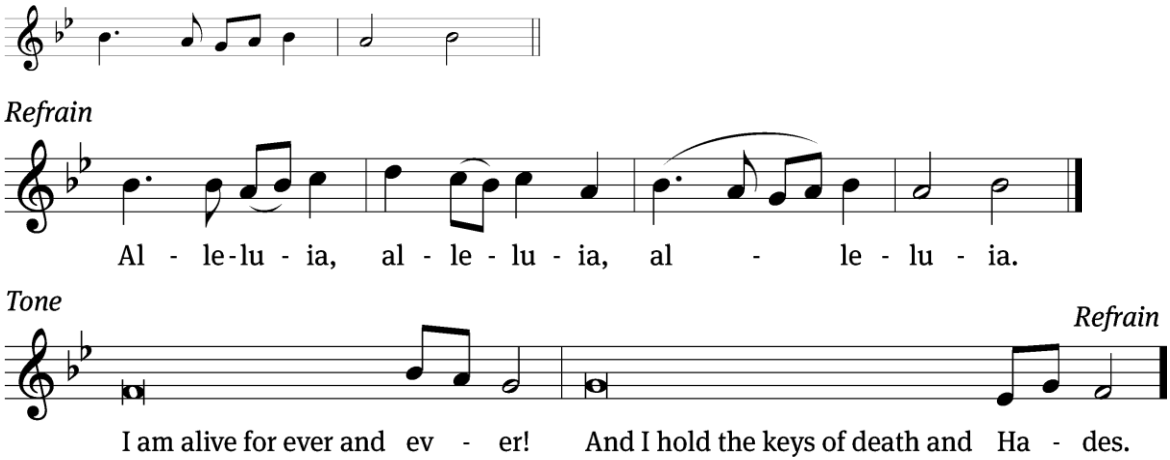
[3] For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that
Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that
he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, [5] and that he
appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. [6] After that, he appeared to
more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of
whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. [7] Then he appeared to
James, then to all the apostles, [8] and last of all he appeared to me also, as to
one abnormally born.

[9] For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called
an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. [10] But by the grace of
God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I
worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was
with me. [11] Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is
what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — Revelation 1:18



GOSPEL — Matthew 28:1-10

[1] After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary
Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

[2] There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down
from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His
appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. [4] The guards
were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

[5] 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; he has risen, just as he
said. Come and see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his
disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.
There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

[8] So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy,
and ran to tell his disciples. [9] Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said.
They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. [10] 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 be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*** CW 443

All 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness—see what today is done!
Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made
when to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.

Men 2 The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb;
but lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory
he who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.

Choir 3 This is a sight that gladdens—what peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.

Women 4 Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior dear.
My Lord will leave me never; with him I need not fear.
He rends death's iron chain; he breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall; I follow him through all.

All 5 He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,
whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:
"Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown prepared;
who there with me has died shall here be glorified."

SERMON The Sign of Jonah Jonah 2:2-9

CONFESSION OF FAITH

In our service we celebrate the truth that God has intimately connected us to Christ's resurrection through the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion. In our service we again confess our baptismal faith and receive His Holy Supper.

M: On this holiest of days the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing in the Gospel of his glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection.

Please Stand

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, In Holy Baptism God has taken away our sins and given us new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I, therefore ask you, a baptized child of God: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: I do renounce them.

M: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: Do believe in the Holy Spirit?
C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

M: Will you continue steadfast in this faith, the faith the Holy Spirit gave you at your baptism and, as a member of the Church, be diligent in the use of Christ's Word and Sacraments?
C: Yes, with the help of God.

M: May the almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.
C: Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN ***Baptized in Water***

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King: Born of one Father,
We are his children; Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, heavenly Father. But on this holiest of days we especially praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection has restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
Sanctus

O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven in countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming to set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation and with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—Hosanna, mighty Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN CW 439

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;
but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!

2 No son of man could conquer death, such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth, and therefore death had brought us
into bondage from of old and ever grew more strong and bold
and held us as its captive. Alleluia!

3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, his people to deliver;
destroying sin, he took the crown from death's pale brow forever.
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an empty form alone remains;
its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended.
The victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith that death is swallowed up by death;
disgraced, it lies defeated. Alleluia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us;
he died on the accursèd tree—so strong his love—to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival to which the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts;
the night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day on Christ, the bread of heaven;
the Word of grace has purged away the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink indeed;
faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ***I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** CW 441

1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives all-glorious in the sky; he lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Please Stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C: When we are weak be our strength, when we are sad be our song, and when we sin be our salvation.

M: Remove the disgrace of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

C: Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN ***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*** CW 438

1 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!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 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!

4 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!

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	7 & 9:30 am	Easter Worship
	8:15 am	Easter Breakfast
Monday		Office Closed for Easter Monday
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	6 pm	Examination Practice
Thursday	10 am	Bible Class ~ Simple Way to Pray
	7 pm	Bible Class ~ Life of David
Saturday	6:30 pm	No Worship

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Apr. 12th	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	7 pm	Women's Bible Class
Thursday, Apr. 16th	10 am	No Bible Class
	7 pm	No Bible Class
Saturday, Apr. 18th	9 am	Church Cleaning
	6:30 pm	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 741.

Fruits of Faith:

$16,096 Home Operations ~ Needed: $223,982 / YTD: $220,433
$659 WELS Missions ~ YTD: $21,561 (2026 Goal: $100,701)
$817 MVL ~ YTD: $14,650 (2026 Goal: $62,278)
$2,060 Wish List: Piano ~ YTD: $21,375 ($21,400)
$290 Building Fund
$169 Food + Fellowship
$25 St. Paul's School Building Fund
$257 Altar and Flowers
$111 K-12 Education Assistance
$29 Miscellaneous Income
$25 Iris Boxes
$100 Technology Equipment

New Women's Bible Study ~ Join us Sunday evenings for a Bible Study for women by women. All lessons are pulled directly from the WELS Women's Ministry website, under the oversight of the pastors. Being a woman can be challenging, but it can also be so rewarding! Please come, bring a friend, bring your questions, and be ready to have a fun time learning about the Bible! What to expect: Fellowship! Random games! Guest pastor appearances! Learning about our Savior! Fun! When: most Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm in the St. John's basement. Upcoming dates: 4/12, 4/19 (both with Pastor Guenther), 4/26, 5/3, and 5/10. Contact Rachel Lang (rachelandabbott@gmail.com) or Pastor Guenther (507-240-2433 or pastorguenther@gmail.com) with questions.

2026 St. John Food Drive ~ Thanks to everyone who donated to the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf during March. Our congregation donated 55 pounds of food and $440 in cash donations. Your generosity will help many people in our community.

LWMS Spring Rally ~ Join us on Saturday, April 11th at Emmanuel in Owatonna for our Spring Rally including a presentation by Pastor John Holtz on the mission work he is doing with Native Christians in East Fork, AZ. Flyers with additional details are available on the table in the new narthex along with a sign up sheet for those interested in carpooling. Everyone is welcome!

LWMS International Convention ~ Join us for the 63rd Annual LWMS Convention in Madison, WI from June 25th through June 28th. Registration is now open online, but is due to close June 1st (earlier if capacity is reached). The table in the new narthex has mail-in registration forms as well as detailed information sheets. We hope to see you there!

Women of St. John's ~ Please note that we will not be meeting in April. Our next gathering will be an indoor picnic in May. Watch the bulletin for further details in the coming weeks.

Church Cleaning ~ An indoor/outdoor work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 9-11 a.m. It is a come and go event. Men, women, and children are needed. For the outdoor work garden rakes, wheelbarrows, and shovels will be needed; please bring what you can. Many hands make light work! All cleaning supplies will be provided. Questions? Contact Sarah Logston (507-766-6455) or Mikal Schwark (507-304-3121).

Pick up Kitchen Items ~ Items to be picked up from the round table at the back of the fellowship hall: Salad fork/spoon (initials EN), cake pan & Tupperware bowl (J. Roux), pie plate (MaryJo Johnson), plastic storage container with clovers (L. Fisher). All unidentified and/or unclaimed items remaining on the table on April 18th will be taken to the Treasure Haus. Thank you for helping keep our kitchen neat by reclaiming your serving containers.

Benefit for Angela Lingl ~ Looking for donations: On Nov 30th 2025 one of our church members along with MVL alumni Angela Lingl experience a ruptured aneurysm aka hemorrhagic stroke after spending 60 days in the Rochester Mayo with 41 of them in ICU she is home now working on recovery. Her family is having a Ham Dinner Benefit for her on April 18th at Nicollet Legion & looking for donations for the silent auction. If you are willing to donate please email supportangelalingl@gmail.com or reach out to one of her family members. You can also call Amanda at 507-276-8953. Thank you for keeping her in your prayers.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm on Monday, April 13. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM. At noon, several MLC International Students will tell us about their experiences. We will have a devotion at 12:45 PM and then enjoy a Jimmy John's meal after the devotion. The meal cost is covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys. If you have not already signed up, contact Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Wednesday noon, April 8, for a meal count. Hope you can make it.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert - April 18 ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for *Soundscapes,* an aural journey across the country. Music on the program represents American people, places, and things, from early American barn dances to magnificent national landscapes to late summer storms and sunsets. We're also excited to welcome the St. Paul School's Raider Band for a joint performance of Clare Grundman's "Kentucky 1800." The concert is free and open to the public on Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 pm in the MLC Auditorium. Can't make it in person? The concert will stream live on MLC's YouTube channel.

Dig In Gala ~ We are looking forward to celebrating the blessings of our school with the 7th Annual St. Paul's School Dig In Gala! The Gala will be held on Friday, May 8, at Turner Hall in New Ulm, with doors opening at 6:00pm. Individual and full-table tickets for the event are on sale from April 6-30, at https://digingala2026.ourschool.support. Ticket proceeds, as well as donations made during the silent and live auctions - and other fun activities - will go to Phase 4 of the School Mortgage Campaign, It's Time. Encouraged dress for the event is business casual or dress with our Retro 70's theme for this year, if you wish. If you own a business that would like to be an event sponsor, have a vintage car you'd be willing to show in the Gala's car show, or have any questions, please contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com.

MVL Drama Presents! ~ We're Crazy for You! Get ready to tap your toes and fall in love with our spring musical, *Crazy for You*! This high-energy romantic comedy follows Bobby Child, a New York banker with dreams of being a Broadway star, who's sent to a sleepy Nevada town to foreclose on a struggling theater. Instead, he finds himself falling head over heels for the spirited Polly Baker—and hatching a wild plan to save the theater with song, dance, and a whole lot of mistaken identity! Packed with classic Gershwin tunes, big dance numbers, cowboys, showgirls, and plenty of laughs and silliness, *Crazy for You* is a feel-good celebration of chasing your dreams. Join us this spring for a show that's full of heart, humor, and show-stopping fun—you won't want to miss it! Show Dates & Details: May 1st & 2nd at 7:00 PM, May 3rd at 2:00 PM All performances will be held in the MVL Fine Arts Center. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

About the Cover ~ Jesus promised, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:40) Today we celebrate the fulfillment of that promise! Jesus returned to life three days after his death. His resurrection proves that he is who he claimed to be: the Son of God. That matters because it means his death on the cross is sufficient to pay for our sin. And his resurrection proves his claim that he can bring us back to life after death. Rejoice, friends! For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of:

Gordon Lammers	*from*	*Jan Lammers*
Chester & Myrtle Curry	*from*	*Mary Curry*
Parents	*from*	*Mark Berdan*
Dad & Mom Paulson	*from*	*Dave and Sue Paulson*
Dad & Mom Schroeder	*from*	*Dave and Sue Paulson*
Claus & Norma Sieh	*from*	*Larry and Sue Vogel*
Cathy Vogel	*from*	*Larry and Sue Vogel*
Grace Ann Black	*from*	*Larry and Helen Black*
Jean Milbrett	*from*	*Jamie Milbrett*
Rev. Kurt & Mrs. Ruth Eggert	*from*	*Alan and Jennifer Uher*
Otto and Alda Uher	*from*	*Alan and Jennifer Uher*
Al Sorheim	*from*	*Sandra Sorheim*
Barbara & Nathaniel Klockziem	*from*	*Sarah Strackbein*
Jean Johnson	*from*	*Bob Johnson*
Aunt B	*from*	*Melby Family*
Prof. Arnold Koelpin	*from*	*Ruth Koelpin*
Karen Goeglein	*from*	*Goeglein Family*
Judy Lecher	*from*	*Goeglein Family*
Rachel Lecher	*from*	*Goeglein Family*
Howard Wessel	*from*	*Keith and Elizabeth Wessel*

In Honor of:

Lucille Wessel	*from*	*Keith and Elizabeth Wessel*
Bruce & Judy Eckert	*from*	*Keith and Elizabeth Wessel*