

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 + 9:30 am

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

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Come and See!

All Are Welcome! Mt Carmel at 100 – Past Present Promise 1926 - 2026

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***Christ the door is open to all people, in all times and places***

*In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.)*

## GATHERING

***The Holy Spirit calls us together on the first day of the week,  
the day of resurrection.***

### PRELUDE

“Prelude on Easter Hymn”

*E. Broughton*

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.*

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

*repeated 3 times*

**P Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn) W&P 73*

“I Will Sing”

*stanzas 1, 2, and 6*

*Children are invited to join the procession.*

**1 I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.  
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.  
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

**REFRAIN**

**Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.  
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord. Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.**

**2 We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.  
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.  
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. REFRAIN**

**6 In his name, in his name we have the victory.  
In his name, in his name we have the victory.  
In his name, in his name we have the victory.  
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. REFRAIN**

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**GREETING**

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

**C** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST** *setting 3, ELW p. 140*

*"This Is the Feast"*

*REFRAIN:*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set  
us free to be people of God. REFRAIN**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. REFRAIN**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. REFRAIN**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. REFRAIN**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

## **WORD**

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

## **CHILDREN'S WORD**

*Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

## READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

*God fulfills the promise to David*

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

*After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,  
<sup>22</sup>You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

<sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

<sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

<sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,  
‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 16

*In your presence there is fullness of joy. (16:11)*

A Protect me, God, I turn to you for help.

**C I profess, "You are my Lord, my greatest good."**

A I once put faith in false gods, the idols of the land.

**C Now I make no offering to them, nor invoke their names.**

**Those who chase after them add grief upon grief.**

A Lord, you measure out my portion, the shape of my future;

**C you mark off the best place for me  
to enjoy my inheritance.**

A I bless God who teaches me,  
who schools my heart even at night.

**C I am sure God is here, right beside me.**

**I cannot be shaken.**

A So my heart rejoices, my body thrills with life,  
my whole being rests secure.

**C You will not abandon me to Sheol,  
nor send your faithful one to death.**

A You show me the road to life:  
boundless joy at your side forever!

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;  
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;  
both now and forever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

*New birth to a living hope*

1 Peter 1:3–9

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION**

*tune: ELW 386*

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus gave his life for us. Rose from death victorious.**

**“My Lord and God,” then Thomas cried. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

John 20:19–31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

The holy gospel according to John.

### C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that

through believing you may have life in his name.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*The refrain is repeated as the gospel procession reverses.: ELW 386*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn) ELW 361*

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*stanzas 1, 3, and 4*

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**
- 4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!**

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

### APOSTLES' CREED *(adapted: "I put my trust in...)*

**A** With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

**C** I put my trust in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I put my trust 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 put my trust 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

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.  
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

## MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,  
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.*

*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share the peace of the risen Christ with one another.*

## OFFERING

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the plates as they are passed, at the usher desk or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.*

**"Song for World Peace"**

*Haugen/Grundahl*

### **Offertory Prayer**

A Let us pray together.

**C Risen Christ, receive these gifts,**

**with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.**

**Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,**

**that our eyes may be opened**

**to see your presence among us,**

**and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection.**

**Amen.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and**

**earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.** *(setting 10, ELW p. 207)*

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:*

**P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P ...in your holy church, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (1789)**

**C Our Father who art 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.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

**"Lamb of God"**

*setting10; ELW page 208*

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now,  
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now,  
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;**

**eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace,  
we pray.**

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

### **Prayer after Communion**

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **EASTER BLESSING**

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.*

*They told what had happened on the road and  
how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

### **SENDING DIALOG**

A We have heard the holy and saving gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.**

A We have been nurtured at the holy table  
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

C **We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation  
in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

P Go out from this Easter assembly

to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

**C Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION**

**P** May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*(hymn)* ELW 535

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

### **REFRAIN**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat**

**1 Christ the Lord to us said:**

**I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**2 Now he sends us all out,**

**strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt.**

**Tell to all the joyful gospel. Refrain**

Text: South African, tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984  
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## **DISMISSAL**

**A Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

**A Go in peace. Share the good news.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

*arr. Sedio/Helgren*

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## **SERVING TODAY**

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Tiffany Ruser, *assisting minister*

Stephenie Labandz, *reader*

Mt Carmel CY&F, *crucifer, banners; bell tree*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Erika Ruser, Matti Gurney, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Maria Gurney, *confirmation sacristan*

Bob and Barb Hollister, *ushers*

Doug Jones, *bus ministry*

Labandz family, *coffee host*

**The webcast is sponsored** this weekend by Rich and Susan Feist.

**The chancel flowers are sponsored** this weekend

by Dick and Gloria Anderson

in honor of their wedding anniversary.

*If you wish to sponsor a webcast or to donate flowers*

*sign up in the narthex or call the church office.*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

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## **2026 EASTER SEASON AT MT CARMEL**

Fifty days of Go and Tell: We proclaim the Lord's resurrection. God has acted!  
Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. Easter is not one day, but fifty. For fifty days,

a week of weeks – 7 times 7 – our Alleluias proclaim the resurrection. Fifty days for telling. “You are witnesses...” “Go and tell...” Share the good news with all who will listen: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Processions, Easter melodies, and the promise of spring flowers will accompany our Alleluias. As the Fifty Days continue through April and May:

- We gather around the table with the risen Lord singing Easter hymns, music from ELW setting ten and celebrating the grace and mercy of our saving God. The feasting of Easter has come.
- A spring Holy Communion workshop may be offered upon request.
- **Weekly:**
  - Wednesday community suppers through May 6.
  - Adult Forums through May 10.
- **Wednesday, April 15:** Feed My Starving Children packing night.
- **April 26, Good Shepherd Sunday (4 Easter):** We ask for the healing presence of the risen Christ with prayers for healing.
  - This date is also reserved for a baptism festival, should we have candidates for Easter baptism.
- **May 7 – 10:** we hope for good weather for the neighborhood plant sale.
- **May 10:** We give thanks for our Sunday School ministry as the program year concludes.
- **May 16:** Spring Church Cleanup Day
- **May 17, Ascension Sunday (7 Easter):** We celebrate our graduates with a blessing. The Scouts promise a pancake breakfast this Sunday.
- **May 24, Pentecost Sunday:** We can welcome new members into this Easter community.
- **May 31, Holy Trinity Sunday:** We baptize any candidates we may have into the life of the Trinity with a baptism festival.
- **June 7:** We’re planning our third annual game day in cooperation with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary team.

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## WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together

with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org)

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

**Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected**

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you’re one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.



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