

LARGE PRINT EDITION



THE THREE DAYS

Holy Communion
Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026 + 9:30 am
Proclaim the resurrection

Come and See!

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

Christ is the first growth of heaven's eternal spring

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

"This Is the Day"

Jubilate Bells

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

EASTER PROCLAMATION

repeated three times

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(*hymn*) ELW 365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Children are invited to join the procession.

- 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!**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 raised Jesus on the third day

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

Luke writes:

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶ "You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²"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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day. (118:24)

for choir, cantor and congregation

Congregation joins on refrain:

**C This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING

Witnesses to the risen Christ

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Paul writes to the church at Corinth:

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit 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 toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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.

Let us hasten to the tomb. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Proclaim the resurrection

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!

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C 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. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The refrain is repeated as the gospel procession reverses.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

tune: ELW 386

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 367

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

- 1 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!**
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 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!**
- 4 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!**

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

NICENE CREED

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

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.*

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

Brokering/Johnson

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has
in sight!**

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**2 Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open
our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing,
our constant surprise. *Refrain***

3 *choir only verse*

**4 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I
AM! *Refrain***

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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.**

SENDING

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.

RESSONAL HYMN

(hymn) **ELW 376**

"Thine Is the Glory"

**1 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.**

Refrain

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

**2 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**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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

“Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia”

Lani Smith

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Sinéad Carolan, *assisting minister*

Al Erickson, *reader*

Mt Carmel youth, *crucifer, butterfly banner; bell trees*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Sanctuary Choir

Jubilate Bells

Julie and Dave Larson, *technology desk*

....., *communion minister*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

..... *confirmation sacristan*

Bob Hollister, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*

Doug Jacobsen, *bus ministry*

Karen Moeller, *coffee host*

The webcast is sponsored this weekend by Joel, Liz, and Henry Merkens
in honor of Henry's first birthday.

If you wish to sponsor a webcast sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

WORSHIP LIFE



Alleluia. It is our worship word. It is a gift word; a thanksgiving word. It is our Easter word. It is God's Easter word. It is a celebration word; a praise word. It means Praise God! Deo Gratia! Allelu Yahweh! Yahoo Yahweh!

Alleluia. It is a word we don't deserve. It is a word we can use only because of what God has done for us. We remember the times when we could do nothing but sing Alleluia; when we were amazed, dumb-founded, fumbling over ourselves in bewilderment: - when God painted a rainbow after a flood and we survived! Alleluia! - when God made good on the promises to Sarah! Alleluia! - when God made a covenant with us! Alleluia! - when God lead us into a promised land! Alleluia! - when God raised up dry bones to life! Alleluia! - when God was there in the fiery furnace! Alleluia! - when God was there, even when we strayed! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the bonds of slavery! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the Red Sea and the wilderness! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from Goliath and from the den of lions! Alleluia! - when God sent the prophets, holy men and holy women, to speak of his love, to call us home, and to promise us a savior! Alleluia! - when God sent not just a savior but a beloved Son! Alleluia! - when God walked with us, shared our joys and our sorrows, taught us to forgive each other, showed us how to love, showed us how to serve each other, left his supper, gave his life! Alleluia! - when God raised him to live and promises to raise us too! Alleluia! - when God breathed the breath of the Spirit into us! Alleluia!

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 worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email 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.

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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 for more information or to join.



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