

# EASTER SUNDAY ~ RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## First Lutheran Church | April 5, 2026 10:30am

*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.*

### PRELUDE

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

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### GATHERING HYMN | *Christ the Lord has Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia;  
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia;  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia.  
Lives again our glorious King, alleluia;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting, alleluia;  
Dying once He all doth save, alleluia;  
Where thy victory, O grave, alleluia.  
Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia;  
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia;  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia;  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia.

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC | *Sunday is Coming*

### GOSPEL | *Matthew 28:1-10*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th Chapter **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Joe Skogmo

## SONG OF THE DAY | *Living Hope*

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Chorus 2 times: Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!**

**Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.**

**You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope!**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
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Jesus, Yours is the victory. **Chorus 2 times**

Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

## NOISY OFFERING | *April: Lakes Area YES! Network*

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | *ELW #473*

1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

#### Distribution

#### Post Communion Blessing

#### Post Communion Prayer

**C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG | *Resurrection Power*

You called me from the grave by name. You called me out of all my shame.  
I see the old has passed away, the new has come.

**Chorus: Now I have resurrection power living on the inside.  
Jesus, You have given us freedom. No longer bound by sin and darkness,  
Living in the light of Your goodness. You have given us freedom.**

I'm dressed in Your royalty, Your Holy Spirit lives in me.  
I see my past has been redeemed. The new has come. **Chorus**

*Bridge: Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom. My chains are gone.  
Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom. Hallelujah! (Repeat Bridge)*

**Chorus (3 times)**

## SENDING

P: Christ is Risen! **C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

# Easter Flower Dedications

## **Given in Memory of:**

### **Dorothy Bauder**

Given by: Darrell Bauder,  
Jon & Belinda Freeman

### **Lyle C. Johnston & Richard Chapman**

Give by: Betty & family

### **Ron Bjorklund, Dave & Carol Wallace**

Given by: Ryan, Susan, Katelyn,  
Emily Bjorklund

### **Duane Berg & Ron & Helen Fasteen**

Give by: Dean & Sue Berg

### **Larry Buboltz & our parents**

Given by: Adrienne Buboltz

### **Larry Buboltz**

Given by: Edenia Buboltz

### **Ray & Lillian Buschette, Larry & Loma Ford**

Given by: Bruce Buschette &  
Shawn Ford

### **Deceased family members**

Give by: Grace Dunham

### **Roger & Alyce Hillman**

Given by: Janelle & Dan Disrud

### **Michelle Gaard**

Given by: Todd & Denise Gaard

### **Arlene & Willard Haarstick**

Given by: Paul Haarstick

### **Our Parents & Robert Collier**

Give by: Carla & Howard Hansen

### **Mark Hagedorn**

Given by: Alex & Alyssa Hagedorn

### **Vern & Josephine Hedman, Erwin & Corinne Klatt**

Give by: Dave & Elaine Hedman

### **Our parents: Richard & Margaret Hein, Henry & Arlene Schreiner**

Give by: Bruce & Jean Hein

### **Toralf & Violet Henrikson, Ellen Henrikson Campbell**

Give by: Gordon & Gretchen  
Henrickson

### **Vern and Jann Herman and Rodger Tinjum**

Give by: Jim & Carolyn Herman

### **Ted Heisserer**

Given by: Holly, Nick & Kassie, Myla,  
Finnley, Amanda Heisserer

### **Bev Hummel**

Given by: Lynn, Jane, Guy & Sally  
Hummel

### **My Mom Vonnie Stenger**

Given by: Denise Hukriede

### **Mother & Dad & Husband**

Given by: Sonja Lillquist

### **Karl Malchow, Mervin, Dorothy & Louis Malchow, Henry & Lucille Visser**

Given by: Henrietta Malchow &  
Sons

### **Derrick Sprague**

Given by: Dan & Deb Sprague

### **Bev & Kermit Skogen**

Given by: Kris Shaffer

### **Rodger Tinjum**

Given by: Marilyn Tinjum

### **Gene Volden**

Given by: Erin & Jay Volden

### **Our Parents**

Given by: Ryan & Cheryl Weum

### **Mom & Dad, Dorothy, Mavis**

Given by: Pat Zurn

## **Given in Honor of:**

### **Our grandchildren**

Give by: Dan & Loree Alverson

### **Ruth Olson**

Given by: Darrell Bauder

### **Geri Berg, Noah, Kate, Clara, Eva**

Given by: Dean & Sue Berg

### **Our family**

Given by: Adrienne Buboltz

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Given by: Edenia Buboltz

### **Our families**

Given by: Bruce Buschette & Shawn  
Ford

### **Rummy's 18th birthday**

Given by: Paul Haarstick

### **Steve, Heidi, Nick, Jill, Courtney, Olivia, Ava, Lauren & Cailyn**

Given by: Don & Cheri Haderly

### **The Choir & Bell Choir for their music**

Given by: Carla Hansen

### **Children: Joshua, Ashley, Miles & Adalyn Hein; Grandchildren Jacob, Christina, Magnolia,**

**Vivian & George Hein**

Given by: Bruce & Jean Hein

### **Our grandchildren**

Given by: Terry & Sandi Kemmer

### **Our kids & grandkids**

Given by: Tom & Joyce Klyve

### **Our grandchildren: Leighton, Elea- nor, Ruben, Walter,**

**Catherine, Lennon, George, Jack,  
Lizzie, Daniel and Johnny. And**

**great-grandma Delores Manke**

Given by: Rick and Shan Manke

### **Our children & grandchildren**

Given by: Rod & Sue Schaffer

### **Dolly Tovson**

Given by: Carol & Kevin Shipley

### **Our beautiful granddaughters, Em- ma, Grace, & Evie**

Given by: Gaylen & Catharine Wei-  
senburger

### **Sisters: Rita & Darlene**

Given by: Pat Zurn

Each year, friends & family  
dedicate the beautiful flowers  
in our sanctuary on Easter  
Sunday in memory of/in hon-  
or of loved ones.

*Thank you to everyone who  
generosity gave to our  
Easter Garden,  
enhancing this  
mornings worship  
experience.*

Flowers can be picked up today,  
after the 10:30am service.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION

*Sunday, April 12  
@ 10:30am in the library*  
Pr Joe, Pr Matthew and the confirmation students have been sharing questions with the congregation on Sunday mornings. Now you have an opportunity to join in the discussion in an informal and fun environment!

### PERSONAL CARE KITS

The Circles are collecting items to make Personal Care Kits through the end of May. Items needed are: *nail clippers, adult toothbrushes, combs, lightweight, dark colored bath towels & bath sized, bar soap*. A collection box is available outside of the church office.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

*April 16 & 30 @ 7pm*  
Only two more sessions left until we break for summer. Join us at Buck's Mill for great conversation with great people! All are welcome.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*June 22-25*  
Open to kids completing K-5th grade. Cost: FREE! Registration opens April 8.

### THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesdays at 1 pm. in the library  
Through May 5.*  
Now watching season 2!

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

*Sunday, April 26*  
Join us as we celebrate the Class of 2026! We are currently looking for individuals or families to carry on the tradition of creating a homemade blanket to gift to a graduating senior. If that's you, please sign up at the information table.

### WANT TO TRY CONFIRMATION AGAIN?

On select Wednesdays you can come to the sanctuary from 6:30-7:30pm and join our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their confirmation lesson. Join us for our last lesson on **4/8: Theology: The Cross vs. Glory**

### WELCA SPRING GATHERING

*April 14, 8:15am-noon*  
Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. We will meet in the FLC parking lot to carpool. Registration is \$15, due ASAP.

### REBEKAH CIRCLE

*April 7 @ 9am*  
Please note the date change! The Rebekah Circle will meet on April 7 at the Lincoln Park Apartments.

### HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

*April 23 & May 14 @ 11:30am*  
Students, join the pastors at Pizza Ranch for food, fun and friends!

### UPCOMING DATES

April 6 | Office Closed  
Ap 22 | 1st grade Service Project  
Ap 26 | Senior Recognition Sunday  
May 3 | Confirmation Sunday  
May 3 & 6 | New Member Welcome  
May 6 | Last Day of Oasis  
May 17 | Annual Meeting  
May 24 Outdoor worship begins

### FLC WOMNE'S BRUNCH

*Saturday May 2, 9:30am*  
This annual event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature a speaker from the Boys and Girls Club.

### RUTH CIRCLE

We will meet Thursday, April 9, 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for treats and a Gather Bible Study.

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you are applying to ELCA Lutheran Colleges, there is a scholarship available. Please check in the office for an application form. Applications are due April 30.



### Thanks for worshipping with us!



Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo  
Associate Pastor: Matthew Rossler  
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

**Prefer electronic giving?** Scan the **QR code to give online**. Then, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate.



### MEMBERSHIP

Interested in becoming a member of FLC? New members are welcome all year, however, our **next New Member Welcome is May 3 & 6.**

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