



*Christ the Lord*  
*is risen today,*  
**ALLELUIA!**



# Easter Sunday

## April 5, 2026

*Welcome! We're glad you're with us this morning! Throughout worship we'll use the red hymnal located on the back of the pew in front of you.*

*Page numbers can be found towards the front at the bottom of the page, with hymns towards the back, beginning with the Psalms. Hearing assist devices are also available – just ask an usher for help.*

*Our journey to Easter began six weeks ago on Ash Wednesday and continued throughout the season of Lent, a time of repentance when we refrain from singing or speaking the word 'Alleluia' in worship.*

*As we celebrate Christ's resurrection today, we will sing out 'Alleluia' often and with great joy. To help us celebrate, we have distributed noisemakers throughout the congregation. Whenever we speak or sing the word 'Alleluia,' you are invited to raise up a righteous racket, to create a cacophony of celebration, to hatch a holy hubbub, to join in with a joyful jangle, to add to the affirmations of adoration.*

*In other words: share the joy. Jesus is Risen!*

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i>	R. A. Hobby
	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Traditional
	<i>Christ Arose</i>	Traditional
	Charlotte Gridley, flute	
	<i>Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord</i>	J.C. Bechler
	ILC Bell Quartet	

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*stand*

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	Hymn 365
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## **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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.**

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.

**Amen.**

*sit*

## **Word**

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Musical Selection**

*Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

A.S. Sullivan

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

**Children's Chat**

Pastor Josh Ferris

**Sermon**

Pastor Sarah Barnes

*stand*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Hymn 364

**Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*sit*

<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	8:00am	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	Traditional
		ILC Chamber Singers	
	10:00am	<i>Alleluia</i>	E. Harris
		Osman Bilsel, piano	

*stand*

**Offertory Canticle**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We gave you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## The Lord's 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*sit*

*All people are invited to receive communion today by coming forward to the front of the sanctuary. First, you'll receive bread, which is the body of Christ given for you. Then move to the next station, where you will find glass cups full of grape juice (lighter-colored) and wine (purple-colored), which is the blood of Christ shed for you. At the last station, return your empty cup to the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available; to indicate you'd like to receive one, please simply raise your pointer finger when it's your turn to receive.*

## Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,  
grant us peace.**

## Musical Selection

*Hymn of Promise*

N. Sleeth

Ellie Bilsel, violin | Osman Bilsel, piano

## Communion Hymn

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

Hymn 369

*The Day of Resurrection*

Hymn 361

## Prayer after Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Announcements**

*stand*

#### **Blessing**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

#### **Sending Hymn**

*Thine Is the Glory*

Hymn 376

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### **Postlude**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

D. Schelat

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## **We're thankful for these servants in worship today:**

**Livestream** – Jon Sprague, Jen Greene

**Assisting Minister** – (8am) Karen White

(10am) Vickie Muller

**Ushers** – (8am) Ron Rosenlund, Jane English

(10am) Bill Lahey, Ian Wood

**Acolyte** – (8am) Alex Sprague

(10am) Molly Ellis

**Greeter** – Emilia Greene

**Altar Service** – Mary Jane Rasku, Heidi Lahey

**Counting Team** – Greta & Scott Gridley

## **Worship, Service, and Fellowship in the week ahead:**

Today	7:00 am	Sunrise Service (Outdoor Chapel / Lobby)
	8:00 am	Indoor & Livestream worship (Sanctuary)
	9:00 am	Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Gym)
	10:00 am	Indoor worship service (Sanctuary)
Monday	9:00 am	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Spirituality for the Home Stretch (Choir Room)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (Room 6)
Friday	9:00 am	Facilities Meeting (Room 6)
	6:00 pm	Kids Express Meal at Concordia
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Ministry
	10:00 am	Prayer & Share (Choir Room)
Sunday	8:00 am	Simple Church (Indoor Chapel/Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Indoor & Livestream worship (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour (Gym)
	10:30 am	Learning Hour + Adult Forum

## **Daily Bible Readings for the Coming Week:**

Monday: Psalm 118:1-24, Exodus 14:10-21, Colossians 3:5-11

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Thursday: Psalm 16, Song of Solomon 2:8-15, Colossians 4:2-5

Friday: Psalm 16, Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Saturday: Psalm 16, Song of Solomon 8:6-7, John 20:11-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

## Welcome to Immanuel

**Thanks for joining us in worship today!** Wherever you are, we're glad to have you with us. Remember you can reach out to the church office anytime if you need help, prayer, or someone to talk to.

If you're visiting today, welcome! On a typical Sunday, we have Simple Church at 8:00am and a traditional worship service (which is also livestreamed) at 9:00am. During the 9:00am service, we have Children's Word, where kids can go with our trained volunteers to worship in ways that are more comfortable (and return in time for communion)! After worship, we have coffee hour and learning opportunities for kids and adults!

**Nursery Care** – Nursery care is available during our 8:00am & 10:00am worship services. Simply go down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary. The toddler room is on the left, where you can sign in.

**Easter Breakfast** – All are welcome to join us for breakfast in the gym after today's 8:00am service. We thank everyone who contributed!

**Easter flowers** – Thank you for helping to decorate the sanctuary for Easter! If you ordered Easter lilies, you are welcome to take yours home after the 10:00am worship service today.

**Children's Word, Godly Play, and Faith Quest** – All return next week! From our youngest learners to our big kids – there's an opportunity for every age to learn and grow in faith!

**Adult Forum on Sabbath** – Join us after worship on Sunday, April 12. Jill Zitzewitz will lead a discussion around Sabbath practice based on the book *The Sabbath Way: Making Room in Your Life for Rest, Connection and Delight* by Travis West, a Hebrew scholar and Old Testament Professor. You do not need to read the book in order to participate!

**Adult Confirmation** – We will meet again April 19! Join us in room 6 at 10:30am. For materials, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3hmjv4jc>.

**Lectio Divina** – Join us on Monday mornings from 9:00–9:30am on Zoom. Lectio Divina is the practice of reading scripture as a form of prayer. (Meeting ID: 814 8663 8380, Passcode: scripture)

**Monday Night Bible Study** – The Monday Night Bible Study group will not meet tomorrow night. We will gather again on April 20 at 6:30pm in Room 6. And as usual, all are welcome!

**Spirituality for the Home Stretch** – Join us on Tuesday, April 7 at 1:00pm in the choir room as we continue to discuss *Looking for God* by Nancy Ortberg. We'll discuss chapters 3 and 4 during our time together. See Pastor Sarah if you need a book!

**No Thursday Morning Bible Study** – Pastor Josh will be on vacation this upcoming week, so Thursday Morning Bible Study will not meet. Join us when we return on April 16 at 10:30am on Zoom. We're discussing the book of Philippians together and would love to have you with us! Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84825798597>.

**Prayer & Share** – Join us on Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am in the choir room! We meet on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year and invite you to join us. This month we'll be talking about having a renewed awareness of God's great love. Hope to see you there!

**Search Process for Parish Administrator** – As we continue the process of searching for our next parish administrator, we invite all people who are interested in the position to apply by sending their resume to the church office by Sunday, April 12. Our executive team and pastors will be coordinating dates for interviews in late April.

**Book Club** – This month we're reading *The Asylum Seekers* by Cristina Rathbone. Join us for conversation on April 23 at 6:00pm in room 6.

**Meal Packaging Event on May 2** – We're excited for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meal Packaging Event on May 2, 2026! We're raising \$5,000 to package meals to feed hungry folks both near and far. You can donate online, return an M&M tube full of coins or cash, or put money in the offering plate (just label it "meal packaging"). After Easter we'll start getting ready for the big day and invite volunteers to sign up!

**Spring Clean-Up Day at ILC** – Join us on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00am-12:00pm for the Annual Spring Clean-Up Day! We need help with raking lawns, spreading fertilizer and mulch, clearing parking lots of sand and dirt, and more! If you have them, please bring along the following implements of destruction: leaf and garden rakes, shovels, hoes, pruning shears, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers, chain saws, string trimmers, tarps, and roto-tillers (don't forget hearing and eye protection!).

Coffee, cider, donuts, and muffins will be provided. Come when you can, leave when you must. See Greg Mills with questions.

**Calumet Clean-Up Weekend** – There's a lot of preparation to be done at Camp Calumet before camp it's ready for prime-time, so we're headed up to New Hampshire to lend a hand. The spring clean-up weekend is May 1-3 and free to all volunteers who serve. If you're interested, please contact the church office or Greg Mills.

## **In Your Prayers this Week**

This week, please lift up to God those who have requested our prayers:

Adrienne Altobelli, David Alward, Bruce & Janet Axelson, Isaac Barron, Mary Beams, Bob, Heidi Besse, Grace Bialecki, Tina Bodnar, Lucy & Tom Brennan, Ken Cameron, Kaylee Caramanica, Bonnie Colon, Colleen Davison, Alvina Debois, Lauren Demerjian, Christina Deyo, Lina Dickey, Kim, Stef Donev, Kevin Duguay, Jaeger Dziama, Jim Eisenlord, Gabriella Falk, Alan Farmer, Tim Fournier, Leah Frances-Woods, Linda Friedman, Sonja Githmark, Ann Marie Grambo, Dave, Dolores Hadady, Bill Higgins, Erika, Rich Hopkins, Robin Johns, Dick Johnson, Carol Jorgensen, Mackenzie Keogh, Ray Langevin, Carole Laino, Jean Lane, Ayuen Leet, Jim Legere, Meghan MacDonald, Cristie Marsh, Joe Martire, James Mellor, Joanne Neal, Karen Papachristou, Francis Parretti, Don Phaneuf, Shirley, Kay Porter, Jeff, Wylla Rabeler, Rich Reynolds, Ray Rossetti, Shirley Rotti, Donald Shefer, Anita Slater, Wendy, Shirley Smith, Maria Taylor, Elaine Vetter, Scott, Becki Welch, Liz Wilson, Jim Zelesky, Nancy Zelesky, and Jill Zitzewitz.