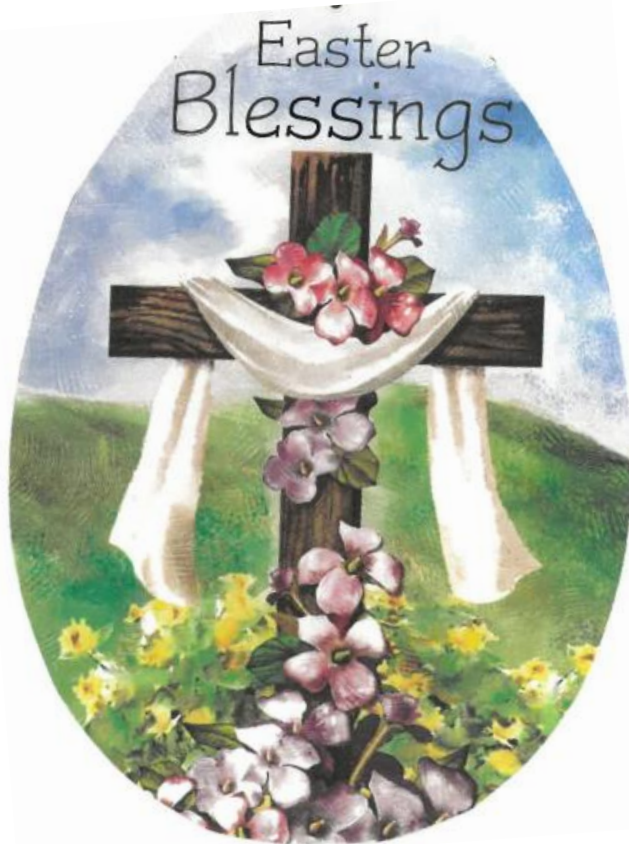


Welcome to Worship  
St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



*Easter Sunday*  
*April 5, 2026*



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

### **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Paul Brooks*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Jack Sterling*  
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*



### **To the Glory of God**

April Altar Candles, Bulletins, & Newsletters: [\*available for signup\*](#)

**The Flowers** are given by Karen & Lynn Krauss in celebration of the resurrection.

### **Food Pantry Needs**

The **April** requests for the Food Pantry are canned fruits, jellies, and soups. Thank you.

# Order of Worship

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

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## **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."*

### **THE GREETING**

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

### **\*GATHERING HYMN #365**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**ALL: Amen.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**\*KYRIE**



1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

**\*THANKSGIVING RESPONSE**

Leader: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

THIS IS THE FEAST



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry, for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer of the Day. Loving God,

**ALL: With joy and unending praise, we raise our voices to you saying,  
“Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!” Amen.**

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 118:21-29

Reader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**ALL: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Reader: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Reader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**ALL: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Reader: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**ALL: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3 #142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:1-18

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 20. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white sitting where the

body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #369**

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA!

### **\*THE NICENE CREED**

**ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy. **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Ruth, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Heather, Howard, Grange, Owen, Mike, Diana, Nina, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Please share God's peace with those worshipping around you.*

## **INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! In the glory of the resurrection let us give our tithes and offerings with thanksgiving for all that we have to share with one another and with all of God's creation.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

### CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes or bars.

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**ALL:** accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

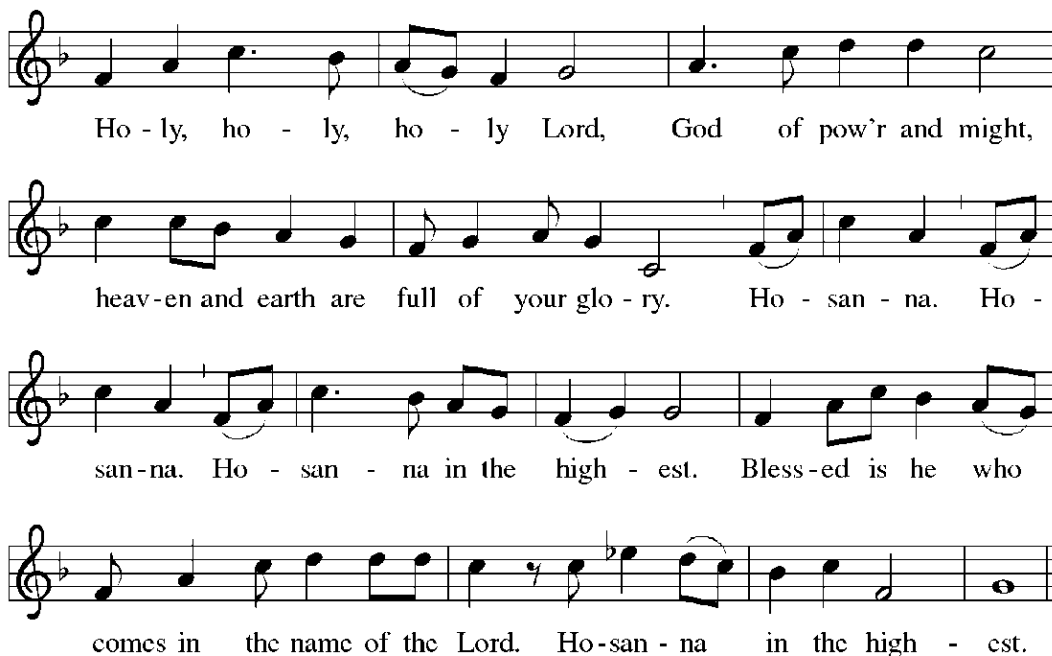
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord of God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

### **\*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

### **DISTRIBUTION**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join with me in prayer. Holy One,

**ALL: 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.**

# \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #376

THINE IS THE GLORY

(VERSE 1)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
*Refrain*  
where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## \*BLESSING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

## \*The Amen

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

# \*SENDING HYMN #392

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

# \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# POSTLUDE



*As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the "hunger bowls" on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.*

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Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the hope, joy, and love of the Easter Season! Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Lorraine Ferguson, Pat Wheeler, Rut Heilman, Ruth McKee, Steve Pritts, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl Kruse, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

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**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

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**Pray with all your heart!**



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

- John 20:18b

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Ask yourself as you read: How do each of these stories show praise to God?*

Sunday	John 20:1-18	Jesus Is Risen!
Monday	Psalm 22:19-22	Lament Turned to Praise, Part 1
Tuesday	Psalm 22:23-26	Lament Turned to Praise, Part 2
Wednesday	Psalm 22:27-31	Lament Turned to Praise, Part 3
Thursday	Isaiah 44:6-8	God Calls the People to Be Witnesses
Friday	Isaiah 53:1-6	The Song of the Suffering Servant
Saturday	Isaiah 53:7-12	Like a Lamb Led to Slaughter
Sunday	John 20:19-31	The Disciples Believe the Good News

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Plant a couple of seeds of your favorite fruit or vegetable in some cups. Make sure you water your seeds and place the cups in a sunny spot. Once the plants are six inches, transplant either into the ground or into pots. Watch new life grow!

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