

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Easter Vigil**

April 4, 2026



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!

God has greatly blessed us with your presence this evening.

Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



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Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

WELCOME AND PASCHAL CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER

All those that are able, please join together at the fire, outside the main doors. Everything that happens outside will be transmitted to the screens so those that stay can still witness and participate.

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen**

GREETING

[P] Beloved people of God, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil

and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

[C] Amen

(lighting the paschal candle)

[P] May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

[P] Almighty and most merciful God, once we were in darkness, but now we are light in Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless abundantly all who joyfully celebrate this night in faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill them with your heavenly blessing in him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

[C] Amen

PROCESSION WITH RESPONSES

The minister bearing the paschal candle leads the procession into the darkened church. Three times during the procession, this call and response are spoken:

[P] The light of Christ.

[C] Thanks be to God.

After the second call and response, all light their candles from the paschal candle

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

LIGHT CANDLES FROM PASCHAL CANDLE

GATHERING HYMN

“CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT”

ELW #715

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER *(Response in Bold)*

This is the night **This is the night** in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.

This is the night **This is the night** in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.

This is the night **This is the night** in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.

This is the night **This is the night** in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

This is the night **This is the night** of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day," and, "then shall my night be turned into day."

The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed.

For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle.

This is the night **This is the night** in which heaven and earth are joined-things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven.

May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race.

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Those in the congregation then extinguish their candles and are seated.)

EXTINGUISH CANDLES

SERVICE OF THE WORD

READINGS

Hymn: "When Long Before Time" ELW 861 Verse 1

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a "Creation" - Pastor Dan Tisdell

Hymn: "When Long Before Time" ELW 861 Verse 2

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18: 8:6-18: 9:8-13 "Flood" - Beth Stauter

Hymn: "When Long Before Time" ELW 861 Verse 3
Genesis 11:1-9 "Tower of Babel" – ACP Teachers, Crystal and Gardenia

Hymn: "When Long Before Time" ELW 861 Verse 4
Genesis 22:1-18 "Testing of Abraham" - Tim Ambrose

Hymn: "When Long Before Time" ELW 861 Verse 5
Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21 "Deliverance at the Red Sea" - Andy Wadsworth

Hymn: "When Long Before Time" ELW 861 Verse 6
Isaiah 55: 1-11 "Salvation Freely Offered to All" – Pastor Dan Tisdell

Hymn: "I Love To Tell The Story" ELW 661 Verse 1
Ezekiel 37: 1-14 "Valley of the Dry Bones" - Margaret Weber

Hymn: "I Love To Tell The Story" ELW 661 Verse 2
Daniel 3: 1-29 "Deliverance from the fiery furnace" – Mark Kent

Hymn: "I Love To Tell The Story" ELW 661 Verse 3

SPECIAL MUSIC

EASTER LITANY

[P] O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Who has loved us from all eternity:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] And remembered us when we were in trouble:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] And was made flesh of the Virgin Mary and became human:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Who by his cross and suffering has redeemed the world:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] And washed us from our sins in his own blood:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Who on the third day rose from the dead:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] And has given us the victory:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Who ascended on high:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Who is seated at the right hand of God:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] And ever lives to make intercession for us:

[C] For his mercy endures forever.

[P] Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

[C] As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER

He is Risen! **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

He is Risen! **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

He is Risen! **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[C] Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the Risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

FIRST LESSON

[P] A reading from Romans.

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[P] The word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

[P] The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20:1-18

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to 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.'" 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.

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[P] Alleluia. Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Sit

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERING PRAYER

[P] Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

[C] Amen.

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL***Stand***

The congregation renews its baptismal vows.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

[C] Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

[P] Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

[P] We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

[P] Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

[P] We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

[P] To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(Special Music as the congregation uses the font to make the sign of the cross.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P] God of grace,

[C] Hear our prayer.

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE MEAL

MEAL

The 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] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise; for 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 the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

[C] **Amen.**

(Instructions about the decoration and celebration of Easter! 2-4 people will begin the decoration symbolically during the hymn and others will join after!)

EASTER SENDING HYMN **“ALLELUIA!, JESUS IS RISEN!”**

ELW #377

BLESSING

[P] The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

[C] **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

[P] Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

[C] **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Congregation will decorate and celebrate.