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The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross
April 20, 2025
8:00am Easter Sunday

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
8am Worship Service
Easter Morning
April 20, 2025

You are invited to sing with the River Worship Team throughout our worship.
All songs and worship liturgy will be projected on the screens for your use.

WE GATHER TOGETHER IN DARKNESS AND SILENCE

EASTER GATHERING SONG: *“Lift High the Cross” ELW 660*

EASTER ACCLAMATION

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS OF PEACE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE: *“My Lord What a Morning” ELW 438*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING: **Acts 10:34-43**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367*

GOSPEL READING: **Luke 24:1-12**

SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

~ Ken & Karen Will

~ Mavis Pommerer
In memory of Roger Pommerer
In honor of all men and women in the military.

~ Mark & Val Kunze & families
In memory of Russell & Lois Kunze and Jim Klein

~ Marjo & Jim Hewitson
In honor of family

~ John & Janet Doerner
Pastor Lisa and Deacon Janie

~ Terry & Sally Grenz
In honor of all God’s children

~ Kay Koch
In honor of my family.

~ Steve & Cheryl Neu
In honor of all our families!

~ Tracy & Mike Geiermann
In honor of YOU, our church family

~ Tom & Kari Harris
In honor and in memory of the Harris, Drevecky and Vernon families

~ Janice & Keven Martin
In memory of Vic & Bernice Goetz and Linda & Kelly Goetz

Thank you to all who so graciously donated the Easter flowers in memory or in honor of special people in your lives. A special thank you to those that came and arranged the flowers in the sanctuary. They are beautiful!

- ~ Brian & Sarah Dahl
In memory of Phillip and Vivian Dahl
- ~ LorRaine Riveland
In memory of Roger Riveland
- ~ His family
In memory of Jim Klein
- ~ Amanda & Matt Sagsveen
In honor of our parents Al & Rita Staloch/Murray & Kristi Sagsveen and
our boys: Parker, Fynn & Sander
- ~ Lois Hanson
In memory of Lyle Hanson and in honor of our 3 children, grandchildren
and great grandchildren
- ~ Roger & Esther Anderson
In memory of our parents
- ~ Lisa Ahlness & Van Vechten Crane
In memory of Paul & Hans Ahlness, Richard & Mary Crane
- ~ Ryan & Nikki Taylor
In memory of Bud & Liz Taylor
- ~ Kraig & Gerri Sarsten
In honor of our children and grandchildren
- ~ Sondra Krogstad
In memory of Al & Gladys Krogstad

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed



SONG OF THE DAY: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW 365

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW 674

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE SHARE THE MEAL

PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

LORD’S PRAYER (spoken)

INVITATION TO OUR LORD’S SUPPER All Are Welcome

COMMUNION SONG: “Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing” ELW 385
“The River is Here”

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: (spoken)

SENDING SONG: “How Majestic is Your Name”

DISMISSAL

(All children are welcome to come to the front and
play instruments during the Worship Team’s postlude song)

EASTER READINGS REFLECTION:

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes.
Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy.
Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death.
Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb
and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness
Scripture Reader—Murray Sagsveen
Ushers—Steve & Cheryl Neu, Tracy Wolf
Communion Assistants— Roger & Esther Anderson, Ken Will
Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, Mavis Pommerer, Kathryn Spilman, Cheryl Neu
Faith & Care 4— Molly & Ken Traynor, Pam & Ron Lee
River Worship Team—
 Sound Board Technicians—Karen Will, Larry Wolf
 Projection Team— Caden Kunze, Jace Kunze, Val Kunze, Rod Sargent
 Art Wheeler
 Streaming Team— Mark Kunze, Art Wheeler, Karen Will
 River Singers—Joel Crane, Marlene Grabow, Sally Grenz, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Mark Murie, Amanda Sagsveen, Tom Wade
 Percussionist— Kari Harris
 Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen
 Accompanists—Jan & Joel Gilbertson, Eve Kath, Gerri Sarsten, Luke Weber

Living Water Worship Team

Living Water Singers-
 Caroline Collins, Keira Collins, Joel Crane, Annabelle Ellison, Brandi Ellison, Amanda Sagsveen
Percussionist— Kari Harris
Guitarists— Joel Crane, Peder Gulleson, Kolton Harris
Accompanist — Luke Weber
Sound — Peder Gulleson
Wednesday Worship Coordinator — Joel Crane

Prayers, Births, Deaths, Concerns

Please contact Connie in the church office if you have a prayer request, or if you will be entering the hospital and would like a pastoral visit.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

(We encourage you to take this list home and pray for these people.) Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Earl Larson, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Hattie Martinson, Carter Weigel, Josey Hanson, Heidi Renner, JoDee Sayler, Diane Klein, Libby Martin, Kira Willadsen, Kerry Carpenter, Linda Marson, Lonnie Sunde, Jacob Hynek, Reece Fischer, Paul Kuch, Christ Gerr, Sher Harildstad, Peg Ahlness, Keaton Westlake, Austin Jamtgaard, Shirley Holder, Jerry Hanson, Claudia Thompson, Carolyn Wegerle, Joyce Wahl, Steve Krogstad, Jeff Christianson, Arvid Mugaas

Easter Flower Donations

- ~ Jerry & Patty Hanson
 In memory of Scott Kennedy and Barb Hanson
- ~ Art Wheeler
 In memory of Florence Wheeler, the Fiske and Wheeler families
- ~ Candace, Gloria, Sandra & families
 In memory of Agnes & Conrad Christianson
- ~ John & Mark Erickstad families
 In memory of Ralph & Lois Erickstad
- ~ Donna Belisle
 In memory of Gene
- ~ John & Jean Kraft
 In memory of David Larson, Ed Kraft, Ruby Hoffman
- ~ Molly & Ken Traynor
 In honor of Marin, Keelin, and Nora
- ~ Kathy Wood
 In memory of Todd Wood
- ~ Mark Murie
 In honor of grandchildren-Owen, Kari, Greta, Evy
 In memory of grandparents, parents, brother, sister

