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“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”

The River

A Blended Worship Service

Christ
is
Risen!

Lutheran Church of the Cross

April 2, 2026

10:00am Easter Sunday

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Easter Morning 10:00am
April 2, 2026

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

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord the Almighty" ELW 858*
"Because He Lives"
"Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"How Majestic is Your Name"
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER ACCLAMATION

GREETINGS OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OUR CONFESSION, GOD'S FORGIVENESS

EASTER GATHERING SONG: *"Thine is the Glory" ELW 376*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Alleluia"*

~ Hoffer Family
In memory of Pam Hodnefield

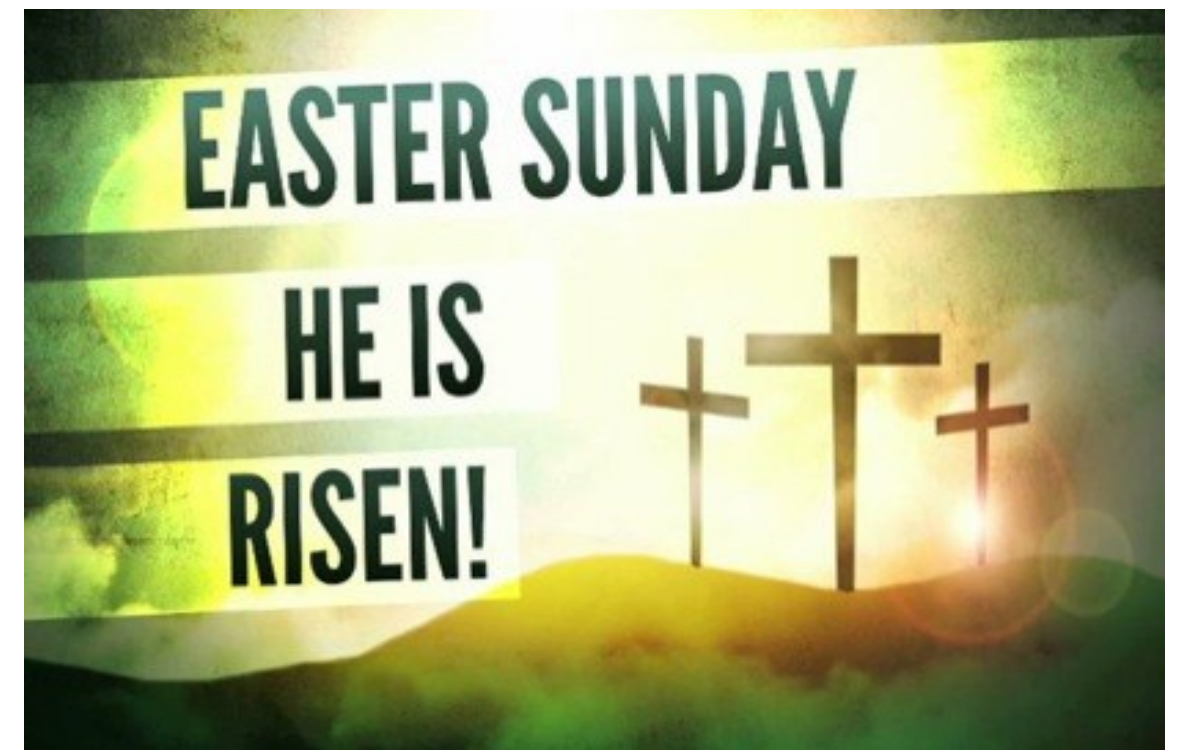
~ Marjo & Jim Hewitson
In honor of loved ones

~ John & Janet Doerner
In memory of Margaret Ahlness

~ Sally Grenz
In memory of Terry

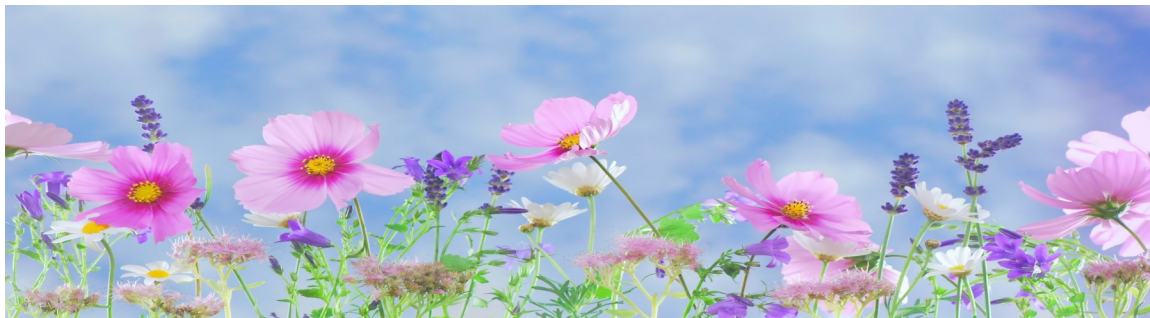
~ Tracy & Mike Geiermann
In honor of our children & grandchildren

~ Donna Belisle
In memory of family and friends



- ~ 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 deceased brothers & sisters
- ~ Lisa Ahlness & Van Vechten Crane
In honor of our children and grandchildren
- ~ Art Wheeler
In memory of Florence Wheeler, Ken & Gertrude Wheeler, Oscar & Anne
Fiske
- ~ Ken & Karen Will
- ~ Mavis Pommerer
In memory of Roger Pommerer
In honor of all men and women in the military.
- ~ Steve & Cheryl Neu
In memory of Grandma Evelyn & Grandpa Melvin
In honor of all our kids and grandkids
- ~ Janice & Keven Martin

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!



SERMON Pastor Lisa Ahlness

SONG OF THE DAY: *“Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 365*

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

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: *“All Glory Laud and Honor” ELW 344*
“Alleluia, Jesus is Risen” ELW 674

COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION: (spoken)

SENDING SONG: *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia” ELW 128*

DISMISSAL

HAPPY EASTER!!!

THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Murray Sagsveen

Ushers—Roger Krueger & Tracy Geiermann, Melissa & Scot Long

Communion Assistants—Tracy Wolf, Sheila Koffler, Val Kunze

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, mavis Pommerer, Kathryn Spilman, Cheryl Neu

Faith & Care Group—Molly & Ken Traynor, Kelly & Wayne Olson

River Worship Team—

Sound Board Technicians—Karen Will, Larry Wolf

Projection Team— 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

Guitarists— Joel Crane, Peder Gulleson, Kolton Harris

Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen

Accompanists—Eve Kath, Gerri Sarsten, Luke Weber

Living Water Worship Team

Living Water Singers-

Caroline Collis, 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

Easter Flower Donations

~ 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 family and friends

~ Brian & Sarah Dahl
In memory of Phillip and Vivian Dahl

~ Cherie & Roger Krueger

~ John & Jean Kraft
In memory of our daughter Jackie

~Kay & Jim Miller
In memory of family members.
In honor of Kunz, Bowley and Tiffany families

~ Kathryn & Alex Spilman

~ Kraig & Gerri Sarsten

