

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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Liturgy: Now the Feast

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Hymn ELW # 364 Christ has Arisen, Alleluia

Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: The priceless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The endless love of God,
and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

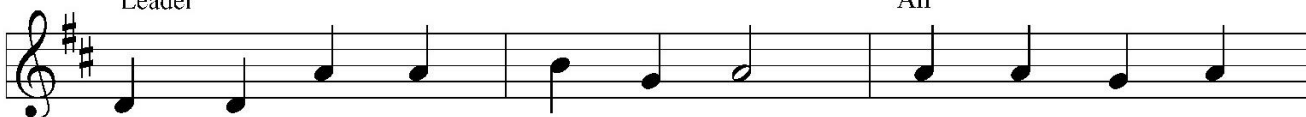
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Blessing of New Paschal Candle

Hymn of Praise W&P #126 – Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Leader All



1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader



Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who
 loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!
 Dance to the life a - round you!

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time and Proclamation of the Easter Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **Come and Join the Celebration (Tune #807 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)**

Come and join the celebration! Praise the Lord and gladly sing.
Hear the gospel proclamation: God in Christ changed everything!
Tell again the wondrous story; let your praises rise above.
God, we sing and give you glory for your everlasting love.

Sing with joy, for on a Sunday friends of Jesus went to grieve.
Soon they found his tomb was empty; telling others, they believed.
God of miracle and wonder, Jesus died and lives again.
Death has lost, for you are stronger; all creation sings, "Amen!"

God, we sing, for there is nothing that can keep your love away —
Not oppression, hardship, famine, things to come or things today.
Heights and depths cannot defeat us; death will never be the same.
Christ is risen! So your promise: we have life in Jesus' name.

Sing with joy, each generation! Sing with those who've gone before.
Join the kingdom celebration, old and young, both rich and poor.
We have life, for we're forgiven; where, O death, is now your sting?
Born of dust, we're claimed for heaven, so let all God's people sing.

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Nicene Creed

**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

After each petition, the pastor will say "Risen Lord" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Choir – The Power and the Glory by Joyce Eilers

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain: *Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
 so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
 gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses:

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, —
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



to Refrain

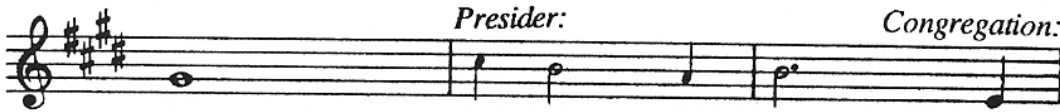
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

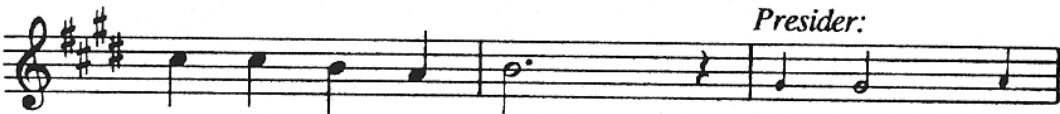
The Great Thanksgiving



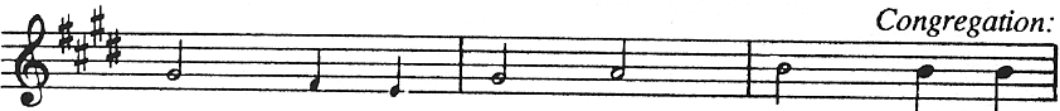
The — Lord be with you. And — al - so with



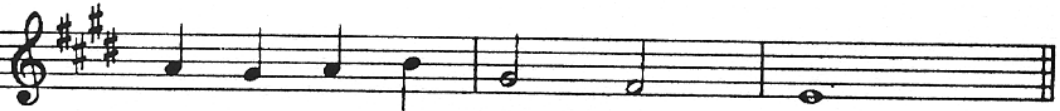
you. Lift up your hearts. We



lift them to the Lord. Let us give



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; — Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

The pastor prays and concludes... with:

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.**

The pastor prays and concludes... with:

P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The pastor prays and concludes... with:

P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

The pastor prays and concludes...:

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, Our risen Savior and our friend...

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
 u-ni-ty of the Spir-it all glo-ry and hon-or is
 yours, O God, now and for-ev-er,
 A - - - men.

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

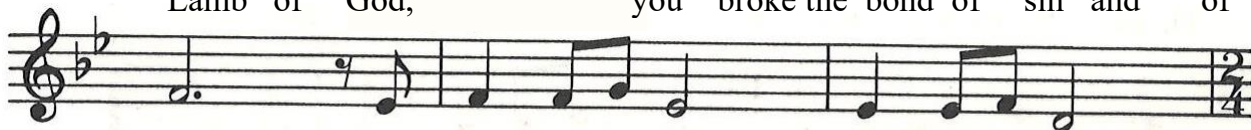
C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
Lamb of God, you broke the bond of sin and of



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
death: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
mer - cy on us.



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

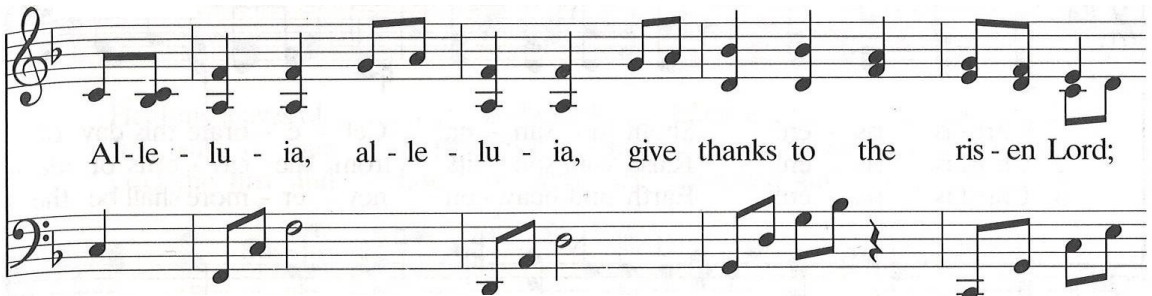
Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre. We also have a gluten-free option for bread, and the common cup for wine. Please note your preference at the time of serving. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you.

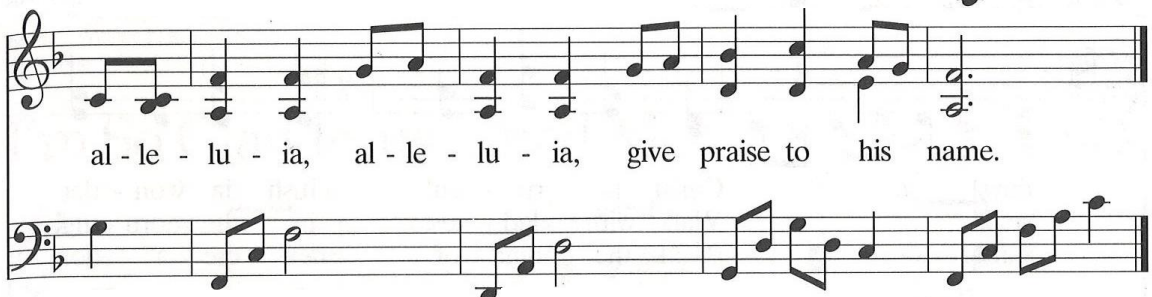
Hymns Sung during Communion

WOV #671 - Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain:

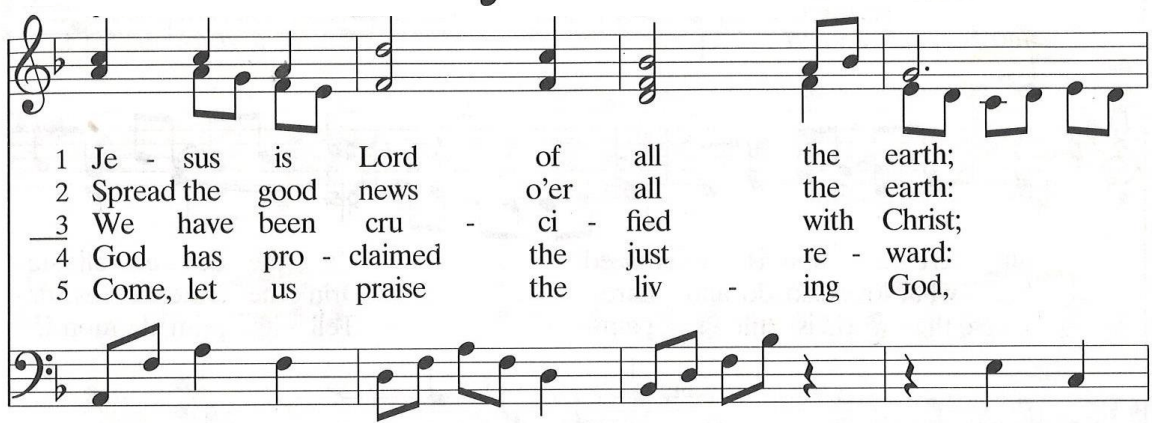


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

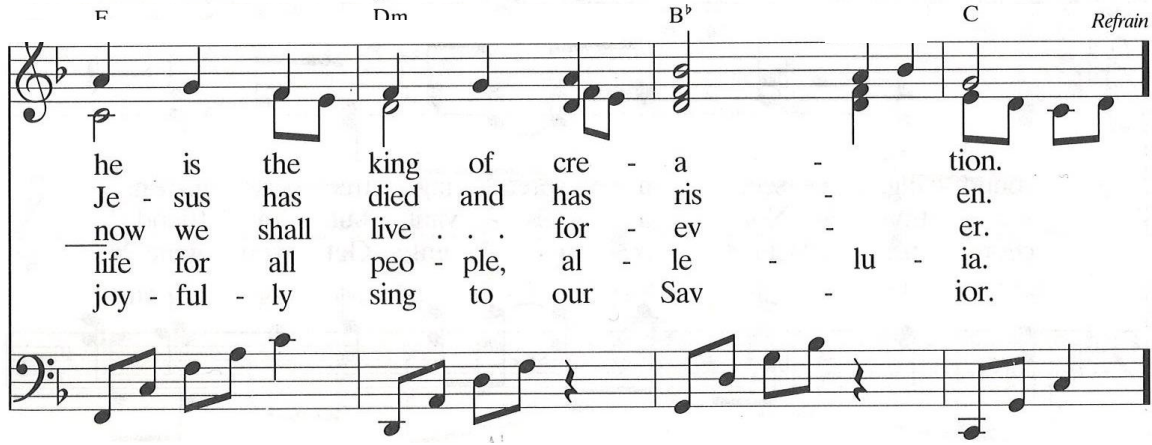


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

Verses:



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



he is the king of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

W&P # 29 – Come and See (sung twice)

F C/E B \flat /D F/C B \flat^2 C 7

1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
 2 Come and give thanks un-to the Lord. Come, be - hold the

F Gm 7 /C F C/E Asus A Dm Dm 7 /C

Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
 Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,

B \flat B \flat /C ¹ F B \flat /F ² F

bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
 bow - ing down be - fore

C C/E F B \flat F C C/E F

Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth, Lord of all the an - gels,

B \flat Dm/A A Gm/D B \flat /F
 wor - thy to be served. Al - le -
 F/C C/E Gm/D B \flat /F F/C C/E F
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

ELW # 389 – Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW # 860 – I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW #388 - Be Not Afraid (Chant)

Communion Blessing

Thanks be to You

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

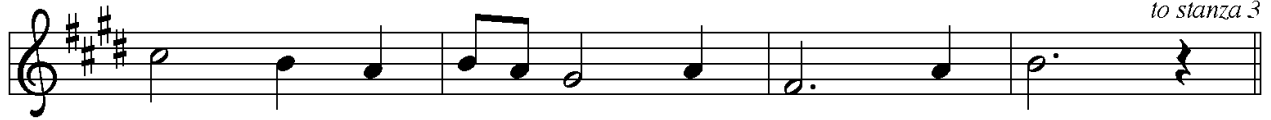
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda \oplus | 1 | 2

thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re - *to stanza 3*



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Prayer After Communion

Installation of Church Council Members

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
light your way with love
and fill you with resurrection joy,
now and always.

C: **Amen.**

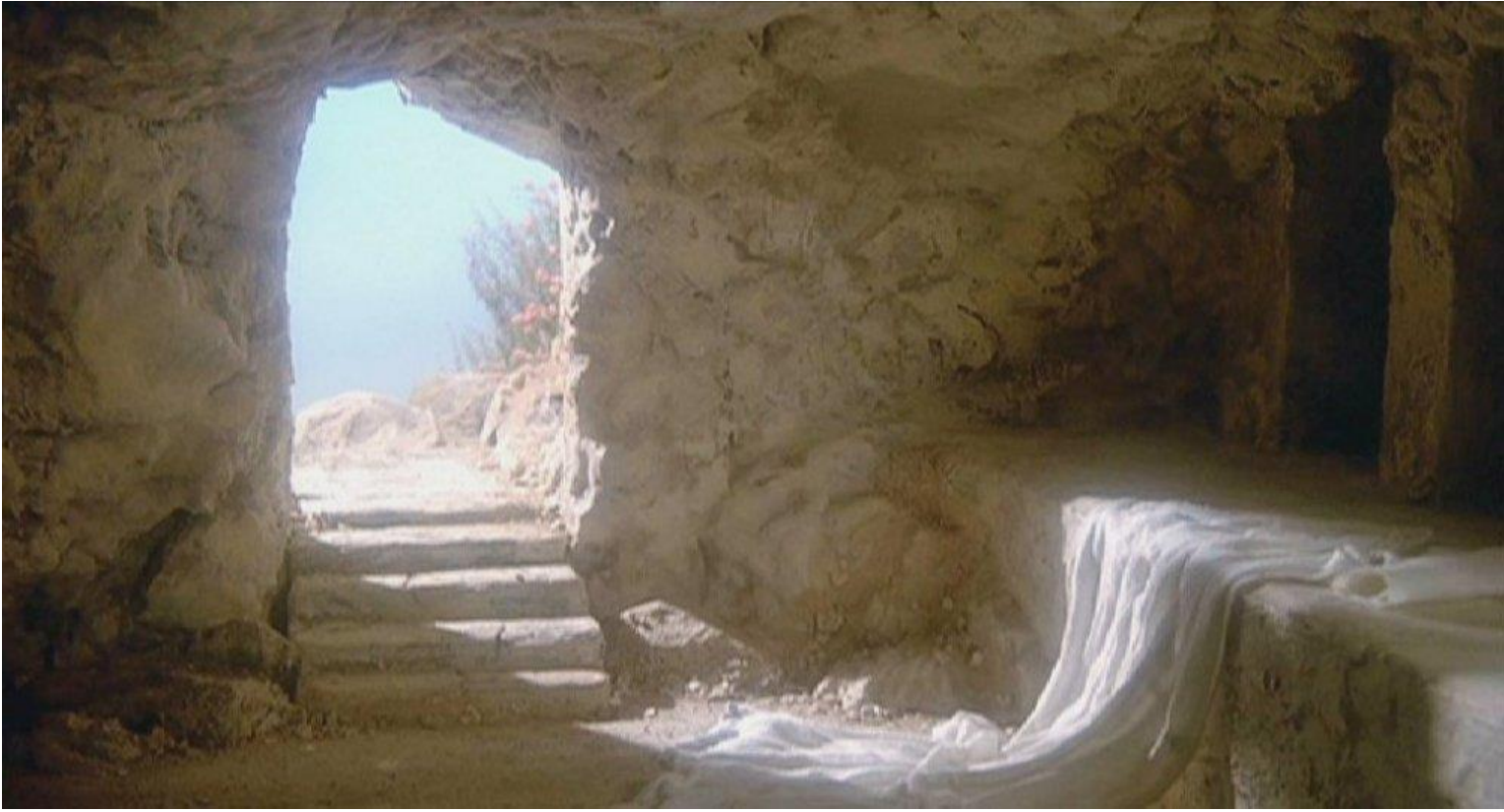
Sending Hymn ELW # 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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Christ is Risen!

Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 5, 2026

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select *Open Hyperlink or Control-Click*)

Flowers are placed on the altar as today we encounter the risen Christ, who conquered death and is glorified and revealed as the Messiah - the Risen Son of God – to which we exclaim in joy *Halleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!*

Today is Easter Sunday! We begin our morning of celebration of our Lord's resurrection with an Easter Continental potluck breakfast from 9 to 10 am. All are invited to bring finger-food style items to contribute (like croissants, muffins, cheese, kolbassa, cut up ham, fruits, mini quiche, hot cross buns, veggies... etc.) There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. This will be followed at 10:30 am with a Family Celebration Service. Don't forget to bring flowers from your garden to help decorate the cross. Please note that the 9:30 am Bible Study has been cancelled, so come for the Easter Sunday Breakfast and fellowship instead. 😊

Easter Messages: Please find below links to several Easter messages.

- **ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.** View it [here](#).
- **Jerusalem Patriarchs and Heads of Churches.** View it [here](#).
- **World Council of Churches.** View it [here](#).
- **Lutheran World Federation.** View it [here](#).

Next Sunday, April 12th: Pastor Eric will be taking next Sunday off, and so we will enjoy a video recording of this year's World Day of Prayer Service which features our sisters in Christ living in Nigeria. Those who viewed it last month enjoyed it thoroughly. We trust you will as well.

Book Club: We gather this coming Wednesday, April 8th at the home of Lily and Mogens Hansen at 7:15 pm to discuss "*Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith*" by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book explores finding God outside traditional church structures, compassion fatigue, and redefining spiritual life. All are welcome.

The Art of Belonging: Mount Zion is hosting an Art Exhibition on **Saturday, April 11th** entitled The Art of Belonging. This is one in a three-part series celebrating creativity and connection through art. For more information on the series click [here](#) and see the poster that follows.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2026: Planning is underway for VBS Summer 2026. It will be held August 24-28, 9:00-12:00, hosted by Saint Laurence and Good Shepherd. VBS is for kids ages 4-11. Our program is filled with learning and fun through games, crafts, storytelling, science experiments and music. More details and registration information coming soon. Mark your calendars! And If you would like to help out in any way - behind the scenes or "on the scene" - please contact Amy MacLeod our VBS co-coordinator, or Pastor Eric.

Seeking Accommodation: Yvon Malenfant and Michelle Ryu are seeking temporary housing. If you have any, or know of any, please let them know. Yvon writes:

We are looking for temporary housing for the interim. 1 bedroom with a bathroom would be great!

Something not too expensive. Let us know if you have anything.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yvon & Michelle: 778-862-5240 Y / 778-863-5240 M

Middle East Emergency Appeal: In response to the events in the Middle East, the ELCIC and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) has launched an Emergency Appeal for the Middle East to provide emergency relief to

children and families that have had to flee their homes. You can donate through your regular offering method designated for “Middle East Appeal” or online at CLWR [here](#).

In Response to the Situation in the Middle East: Please note the following letters and statements written by Church Leaders:

- **Our National and Synod Bishops** have published a letter to all members of the ELCIC following the recent events in Iran. [Read the full letter here](#). They have also written to Bishop Haddad and members of the ELCJHL, expressing support and solidarity for them. You can read the letter [here](#).
- **The World Council of Churches** (WCC) has expressed grave concern over the attack against Iran and subsequent escalation. Read their statement [here](#). They have also launched a campaign calling for Israel to be held accountable for ending the illegal occupation of Palestine. Learn more about the campaign [here](#) and watch the video of the launch event [here](#).

2026 Church Directory: A new church directory is in the works, and current information from our database is shown on the printed pages on the tables in the hall. Please find your family name, and update any information on the right side of the page. These pages will be out for one more week only. We will then make the changes as noted and publish our new directory. Alternately, you are welcome to simply call the office to verify the correctness of the information we have on file for you. Thank you for your time and effort in helping us publish an accurate directory.

Luther Manor Society of Vancouver – Notice of AGM: The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls the Annual General Meeting for **Thursday, May 12th, 2026, at 7:00 PM**. See the poster on the bulletin boards for all the details.

Protect the progress around Lake Chad: Funding for nature-based solutions, including CLWR's Friends of Creation project around Lake Chad, is at risk with the next federal budget. Use your voice now to let the government know you care about this work and want to see it protected. Use CLWR's letter-writing tool to send an email to your MP in just three minutes. Find the tool online at clwr.org/advocate.

Youth Justice Camp: BC Synod is hosting a Youth Camp later this year from August 10-14 at Loon Lake Lodge in Maple Ridge. It is open to all youth ages 11 to 18. If you are interested in helping in any capacity with this event, please contact the synod office at bcynod@elcic.ca.

'Every Square Foot Counts' – Educational Opportunities for Congregations:

- This month's blog post is **“From Visibility to Viability: External Communication as Public Stewardship** which invites congregations to reflect on how their buildings are seen and understood by their neighbourhoods. Read post [here](#).

ignYte Return it Express Account: You're invited to support our ignYte Youth Ministry with your recyclables. See the instructions on the bulletin board.



Karren Stinson Bursary: This bursary, offered by Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria, offers financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada who are currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. The bursary amount is \$1,500.00. The deadline to apply is April 30th. For more information and to download the application please click [here](#).

Partner Impact Grant Applications: *Charitus* is offering grants to ELCIC congregations for projects addressing the elimination of poverty, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, or sustainable environmental practices.

Grants of up to \$3,000 covering up to 75 percent of project costs, are available. If you have an idea for such a project, please speak to any member of council before May 15th.

Blanket Exercise Workshop: Como Lake United Church is once again hosting an opportunity to share in the Blanket Exercise Workshop on **Sunday May 3, 2026 at 1:00PM**. Register early to ensure a spot! We highly recommend this workshop, it is very well run, educational, and a personal opportunity to understand and feel the strong need for Truth and Reconciliation in today's world. The \$10 registration fee can be sent, upon registration, by e-transfer as listed in the poster below. To register, please phone the Church at 604-931-8555 or email office@comolakeunited.ca

Save the Date - Installation of Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker: On **Saturday, May 23rd** Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker will be installed at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in New Westminster at 3:30pm. More details, and an invitation, will be sent out a closer date.

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **Peace and Healing in a Time of Conflict: A Call for Reconciliation:** The World Council of Churches (WCC) Commission of the Churches on Health and Healing has issued a Pastoral message on Peace and Healing in a Time of Conflict. To view this message, please [click here](#).
- **Bishop Larry Speaks out:** ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer shares a statement to the church following several incidents of Synagogues being attacked in Canada and the United States including several involving gun violence. [Read the full statement here](#).

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE AND CREATION CARE:

- **Online Workshop: Practical Climate Action for Church Buildings:** The ELCIC is offering a 90-minute online workshop on **April 16 at 7:30 pm** that will offer congregations practical steps for energy stewardship. More information and registration are available when you [click here](#).
- **"The Risks of AI" Webinar recording:** The World Council of Churches recently hosted an online panel discussion "*The risks of artificial general intelligence: how should faith communities respond?*" moderated by ELCIC member Peter Kuhnert. To watch a recording of the webinar click here. [click here](#).

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a fragrance-free zone. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday *Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast* from 9-10 am (Note: Bible Study Cancelled) including kids Easter Egg Hunt, followed by *Easter Sunday Celebration* worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am
Confirmation class at 4 pm

Wednesday *Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering* over Zoom at 1:30 pm
Book Club at the home of Lily & Mogens at 7:15 pm

Next Sunday *Second Sunday in Easter Service* with Sunday School at 10:30 am

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted “on Zoom” or “Online”. The links to these online events are accessible through our website [here](#). Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

<u>Financial Information for:</u>	March 29th
Total Offerings:	\$ 3,990.00
General	\$ 3,510.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Memorial Fund	\$ 230.00
- Administration	\$ 100.00
- GS Women’s Group	\$ 100.00
- Library	\$ 50.00

Blanket Exercise Workshop

Cecelia Reekie is a proud member of the Haisla First Nation. She believes deeply in the power of personal storytelling to raise awareness and foster understanding of Indigenous cultures and the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Speaking from the heart, Cecelia thoughtfully weaves together her diverse life experiences to create meaningful and engaging cultural workshops. She currently serves as a Cultural Presenter with the Langley School District, where she shares her knowledge and perspectives with students, educators, and the wider community.

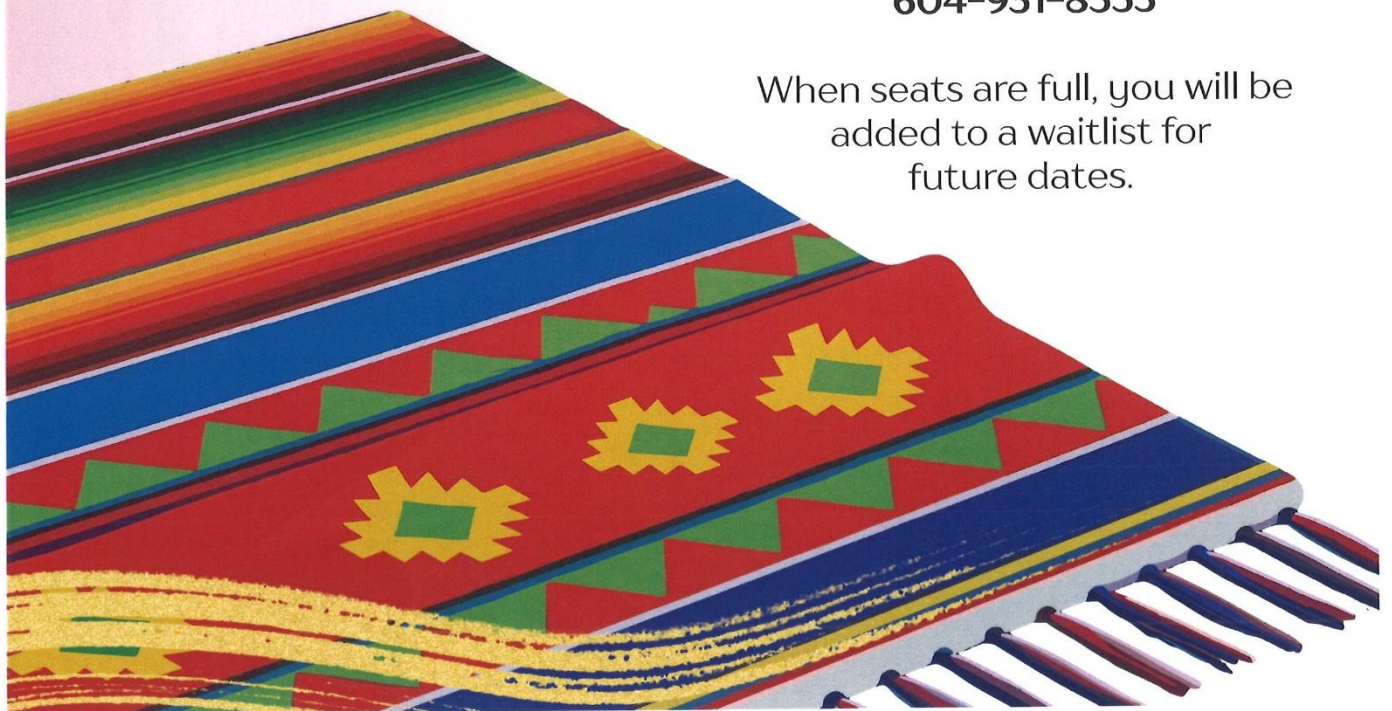
Join us for this special **Blanket Exercise Workshop** with facilitator, **Cecelia Reekie**.

Como Lake United Church
535 Marmont Street, Coquitlam

May 3, 2026 at 1 pm
\$10 Registration Fee to
finance@comolakeunited.ca
(For fee assist please contact us)

Seating is limited so please
RSVP as soon as possible.
office@comolakeunited.ca
604-931-8555

When seats are full, you will be
added to a waitlist for
future dates.





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The Art of Belonging

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ART EXHIBITION

April 11, 2026
2PM - 4PM

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OR 604-916-2694

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ADMISSION

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WILL BE SERVED



Celebrating Art & Culture

PART ONE

Let's ignite creativity and inspire positive change!

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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

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