



4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026



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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
Mary McDonald
Lorenz Publishing Co. 2013

WELCOME Erin Tolar

INTROIT *He is Risen*
Composed by Kenneth Jennings
Augsburg Publishing House, 1975

CALL TO WORSHIP Pre-K-5th Graders
Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

*HYMN No. 307 ***God of Grace and God of Glory***

CALL TO CONFESSION George Strain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of grace and God of glory,
There are times our actions wreak havoc in the world,
and there are times when our lack of action does the same.
It is hard to know when to go the extra mile -
when to step in and make things happen
and when to wait; when to follow someone else's lead,
and allow other voices to be heard.
Often we know only when we have already messed up.
God, we offer our failure and our foibles to you now.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Grant us wisdom, God, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour and living of these days.
May your forgiveness let new life well within us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, today you are invited to be a new creation.

What is old has passed away.

Hear the good news and rejoice with me:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 248 - v1
sung through one time*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 297 vv 1,4

In Christ Called to Baptize

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION Gaines Foster

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Sadie by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and try to show her by your own example what it means to be a faithful member of Christ's church? **We will.**

HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

(sung through one time)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Is this the journey you wish to be on?

Are these the people you want to journey with?

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

The Christ who Died

Composed by Alfred V. Fedak

Copyright St. James Press, 2010

*The Christ who died and rose again triumphant from the grave,
Now pleads our cause at God's right hand, all powerful to save.*

What now can separate us from the love of Christ our Lord?

Can persecution, nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

The troubles that are ours to bear we cannot flee,

Yet he who loved us from the first ensures our victory.

Thus nothing in the heights or depths, no pow'r earth can afford

Will separate us from the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yes, he who loved us from the first is Jesus Christ our Lord.

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of the Resurrection,

We thank you for the new life we have received in Christ.

With gratitude, we offer these gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

May they be used within this congregation and beyond

to witness to your love and to achieve your purposes.

May the gifts and those who give them be blessed.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 733

We All Are One in Mission

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

everywhere!

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Christ is Erstanden"

Robert Lind

Paraclete Press, 2011

*Many thanks to Tom Shelton and Leslie Green
who helped to live-stream the service today.*

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, caring for God's creation,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

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