

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen
Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome
Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

***Call to Worship:** Elliott Klavetter

L: Rejoice! This is the morning that sealed the Lord's promise!

P: The tomb is empty and the stone is rolled away!

L: Death has been defeated and we have been made new, let us rejoice!

P: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: He is risen! Let us come together and celebrate His faithfulness!

P: Hallelujah! He is risen! Amen.

***Prayer of Invocation:** Elliott Klavetter

Jesus, this morning marks the fulfillment of Your promises to us. You have overcome the death that we deserved. Do something new in us today, O God. Stir a new affection in our hearts, reshape our desires, and draw near to us as we draw near to You. Amen.

***Hymn #232** *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

***Call to Confession**

Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened friends, that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning . . .

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Risen Lord, on this Easter morning, we confess that too often we live as if the tomb were still sealed. We cling to fear instead of faith. We choose doubt over trust, and we remain silent when we should speak of Your life and love. Forgive us for the times we have ignored the hope You offer. Forgive us for letting the shadows of this world dim the light of Your resurrection in our hearts. By Your mercy, roll away the stones that block our joy. By Your grace, raise us to new life with You. Make us bold witnesses of Your victory of sin and death, so that our words and actions proclaim: **Christ is risen. He has risen indeed!**

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

"Through the work of the empty tomb, God declares His love for us. Our identity is no longer found in our works, but through the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Despite our iniquity Christ chose to be the propitiation for our sin. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response: #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose life has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Michelle Johanneck

Unison Prayer of Illumination: Elliott Klavetter

Risen Christ, on this Easter morning we come with hearts full of longing and hope. Roll away the stones that keep us from hearing your good news. Shine the light of Your resurrection into our minds and spirits, that we may see Your truth clearly and receive it with joy. Open the Scriptures to us, that in their witness we may encounter Your living presence. Break through our doubts, quiet our fears, and awaken in us a deep trust in Your promises. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, illumine Your Word so that it takes root within us, bearing fruit in lives marked by love, grace, and new life. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Elliott Klavetter: Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the Lord All-Powerful will prepare for all nations a feast of the finest foods. Choice wines and the best meats will be served.

7 Here the Lord will strip away the burial clothes that cover the nations.

8 The Lord All-Powerful will destroy the power of death and wipe away all tears. No longer will his people be insulted everywhere. The Lord has spoken!

9 At that time, people will say, “The Lord has saved us! Let's celebrate. We waited and hoped— now our God is here.”

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-48

36 While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. 37 They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. 38 But Jesus said, “Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? 39 Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

40 After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it. Jesus then asked them, "Do you have something to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish. 43 He took it and ate it as they watched. 44 Jesus said to them, "While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms[a] had to happen." 45 Then he helped them understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them: The Scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer, then three days later he will rise from death. 47 They also say that all people of every nation must be told in my name to turn to God, in order to be forgiven. So beginning in Jerusalem, 48 you must tell everything that has happened.

Sermon: Andrew Stephens

***Hymn #246** "Christ is Alive"

***The Apostle's Creed:** (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns
The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory "Dreamland" composed by Melody Bober Claire Stephens

***Responsive Hymn: #606 "The Doxology"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Bless these gifts Oh Lord, and use them to further Your work here on earth. May they be a means of spreading Your love, mercy and peace to those in need. Help us to remember that in giving, we share the joy of Easter and reflect the light of Christ to our neighbors and into the world. As we lift these offerings, we also lift our hearts and gratitude, may our lives, like our gifts, be instruments of Your grace and a testimony to Your resurrection power. Strengthen our faith to live each day in service and Thanksgiving, honoring the sacrifice and the triumph of Jesus, Our Risen Savior.

***Hymn #192** "Shine, Jesus Shine"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026

Andrew Stephens & Elliott Klavetter

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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

Rummage Sale ~ Mark your calendars... Our Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 30-May 2. More information to come!

April Ushers: Head Usher: Bruce Tiffany

Ushers: Laura Kohler, Don & Lorrie Quinn, Kim McKay, Kevin McKay, Dave Danielson

April Communion Servers: Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter

Servers: Scott & Laura Kohler, Mike Bentson, Nancy Miller, Dan Tiffany, Rhonda Joldersma

April Deacon of the Month: Shari Fuhr

Today's Greeter: Merlin Goudy

April Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Julie Fiala

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: Closed

Tuesday & Thursday: 11am-2pm

Thursday: 11am-2pm

Pray for The Following

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

April Birthdays: Today: Bunny Nolting, Diane Davis, 7th: Amanda Milhausen, 11th: Kay Jensen, 16th: Matt Tiffany, Mike Bentson, Linda Boyer, 19th: Elizabeth Hagen, Gene Schultz, 20th: Don Dagner, 21st: Leon King, 29th: Kathy Peterson, Eliza Bentson

April Anniversaries: 13th: Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, 25th: Butch & Faythe Amberg, 27th: Gene & Becky Schultz

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Gerry Hess, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw*

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, April 5:

Easter Sunday

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Andrew Stephens & Elliott Klavetter

Wednesday, April 8:

8:00 am: Bible Study

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting

Sunday, April 12:

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Beth Buckwalter-Miller

Following Worship: Friendship Dinner

Packing Weekend Food Bags: Tiffany Family

Monday, April 13:

5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

Wednesday, April 15:

8:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

Friday & Saturday, April 17 & 18: Scouts use of Church

Sunday, April 19:

9:00 am: Sunday School/Confirmation

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Bruce Tiffany & Adrienne Danielson

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott's Installation - FPC Round Lake, MN

Monday, April 20:

5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts use of Church

Tuesday, April 21:

6:30 pm: Scouts Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22:

8:00 am: Bible Study

3:00 pm: Bible Study

4-5:15 pm: Youth Club

Sunday, April 26:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags: Ann & Dorie

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!