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In other words

WE WELCOME YOU!!

BE.THE.Love

Today in Service:

Pastor:	Pastor Amy Eisenmann
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries:	Lisa Basingthwaite
Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries:	Joyce Johnson
Director of Choir & Bells	Linda Palmer
Ministers:	All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: Stacy Owens

Ushers: Glen Enderson, Brad Cruff, Chris & Breanna Koval

Reader: Glen Enderson

Soundboard: Brad & Angie Cruff

Streaming: Brian Boyer

Communion Assistants: Kari Krause, Breanna Koval & Raychel Wallender

Altar Flowers: Linda Johnson – in memory of her mom

Eternal Candle: Linda Johnson

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April 20, 2025

**Easter Service
7am Service**



We gather this morning in darkness.

Call to Worship

L: We begin this morning in darkness, in a world filled with doubt, waiting for even a glimmer of hope. Quietly we sit, surrounded by darkness, forgetting sometimes that God sits with us.

The Christ Candle enters the sanctuary.

We sit, having seen our Savior crucified, surrounded by our grief, beside the tomb.

The Christ Candle proceeds slowly to the altar.

And yet, even in the darkness as we sit, the Spirit of God moves closer, bringing hope, bringing promise, bringing light.

The Christ Candle is placed near the altar.

The light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it!

Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Come, Walk with God of new beginnings,

C: God who discovers strength in weakness,

L: Who loves in the face of indifference

C: who brings life in the midst of death.

L: For Christ has died.

C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ will come again!

C: Alleluia! Come, let us worship our risen Lord!

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray...God of all people,

C: The shadows and darkness of Good Friday have been cleared away by the light that can only come from you. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrows into joy, our despair into hope, our mourning into dancing, and our death into life. Help us on this Easter morning to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us – tombs of selfishness and sinfulness. May we burst forth with new life and new love on this Easter day, sharing your love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW 365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”

Confession and Forgiveness

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

After reading: L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

L: He is not here, for he is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: We do not have to fear death.

C: He is risen!

L: We do not have to be afraid of the past.

C: He is risen!

L: We do not have to be afraid of the dark.

C: He is risen!

L: As we go forth from this place, may we proclaim this message with our whole being, and may the blessings of God, who has overcome death, strengthen you this week.

C: He is risen! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Sending Song

ELW 376

“Thine Is the Glory”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace, serve the risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Postlude

Bethel Brass Members

*(Connie Foster, Al Dahlman, Megan Brejcha,
Kelly Voss & Jacob Voss)*

Psalm: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (Read verses responsively)

Second Reading: **Acts 10:34-43**

After reading: L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music **Stacy Owens & Bobbie Jo Jelinek**

Children's Message **Lisa Bassingthwaite**

Gospel Reading

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 20:1-18

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon **Pastor Amy Eisenmann**

“Living into the Easter Story”

Hymn of the Day **ELW 619**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” (vs. 1-4, 7-8)

Nicene Creed **p.126**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering Song and Holy Cow

ELW 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

(During the offering song we invite any children who would like to come forward & put their offering in the Holy Cow. The money that is gathered through the Holy Cow is sent to ELCA World Hunger where it works to help feed all the hungry children of the world.)

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

C: blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!”

ELW 364

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

ELW 369

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray...

C: Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen

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This Week

Organist: Mary Jane Pauly

Ushers: Brad Cruff, Larry Bethel, Wayne & Felisa Mastel

Reader: Keath Borchert

Soundboard: Brad & Angie Cruff

Communion Assistants: Cyndy Kolle, Keath & Cindy Borchert, Diane Finnie, Vicky Trappen & Laurie Stiller

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**Easter Service
9am Service**



Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Come, Walk with God of new beginnings,

C: God who discovers strength in weakness,

L: who loves in the face of indifference

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L: For Christ has died.

C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ will come again!

C: Alleluia! Come, let us worship our risen Lord!

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

ELW 365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”

Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray...God of all people,

C: The shadows and darkness of Good Friday have been cleared away by the light that can only come from you. We rejoice in your power that turns our sorrows into joy, our despair into hope, our mourning into dancing, and our death into life. Help us on this Easter morning to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us – tombs of selfishness and sinfulness. May we burst forth with new life and new love on this Easter day, sharing your love with the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

**After reading: L: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read verses responsively)

Sending Song

ELW 367

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Blessing

L: He is not here, for he is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: We do not have to fear death.

C: He is risen!

L: We do not have to be afraid of the past.

C: He is risen!

L: We do not have to be afraid of the dark.

C: He is risen!

L: As we go forth from this place, may we proclaim this message with our whole being, and may the blessings of God, who has overcome death, strengthen you this week.

C: He is risen! Thanks be to God!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace, serve the risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

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Postlude

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

After reading: L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music
“Easter Angel Song”

Bethel Choir

Children’s Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Gospel Reading

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 24:1-12

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
“Looking for Jesus”

Pastor Amy Eisenmann

Hymn of the Day
“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

ELW 382

Nicene Creed p.126

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering Song and Holy Cow

ELW 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

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Offering Prayer

L: I invite you to stand in body or spirit. Let us pray...

C: blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Special Music
Communion Hymns

Jaylyn LaPlante

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW 376

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

ELW 369

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray...

C: Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen

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Worship Band:
Vocalists: Kelly Voss, Allison Voss, Lara Lekang
Guitar: Pat Trappen, Rick Hendrickson
Drums: Aiden Hoff, Dylan Johnson
This Week
Ushers: Brad Cruff, Craig & Donna Manske & Jerry Mohs
Reader: Brad Cruff
Soundboard: Brad & Angie Cruff
Communion Assistants: Matt, Breckin & Mallory Anderson
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11 am
April 20, 2025



Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song “Glorious Day”

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

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L: Come, Walk with God of new beginnings,

C: God who discovers strength in weakness,

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L: For Christ has died.

C: Christ is risen!

L: Christ will come again!

C: Alleluia! Come, let us worship our risen Lord!

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise “In Christ Alone”

Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray...God of all people,

C: We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

First Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read verses responsively)

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

After reading: L: Word of God, Word of Life.

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Sermon "Looking for Jesus" Pastor Amy

Song of the Day "Death Was Arrested"

Nicene Creed p. 126

Prayers of Intercession "More Like You"

Offering Song & Holy Cow "Jesus Paid It All"

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion "Raise A Hallelujah"

Prayer after Communion

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Sending Song "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Blessing

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