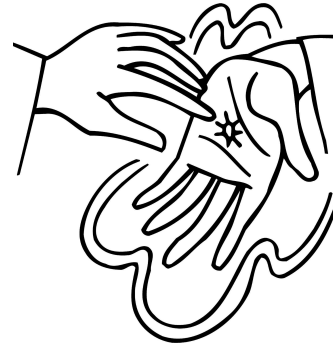


Second Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2025  
10:30 AM



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**Welcome. Peace be with you.**

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

**For those worshipping in-person, please remember:**

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

**Land Acknowledgment**

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

# GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

**ELW** refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. **ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

## Prelude

Caminemos con Jesus

Tony Alonso

## Welcome

### + Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

¡Aleluya! ¡Christo ha resucitado!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Cristo ha en verdad resucitado! ¡Aleluya!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for forgiveness that wraps our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation.

Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

**Amen.**

*Adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson*

### + Processional Hymn

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

### + Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

### + Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Ever-present God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope. Amen.

# WORD

## Children's Message

### Reading - Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Los llevaron ante el Consejo y el sumo sacerdote reclamó: —Terminantemente les hemos prohibido enseñar en ese nombre. Sin embargo, ustedes han llenado a Jerusalén con sus enseñanzas, y se han propuesto echarnos la culpa a nosotros de la muerte de ese hombre. —¡Es necesario obedecer a Dios antes que a los hombres! —respondieron Pedro y los demás apóstoles—. El Dios de nuestros antepasados resucitó a Jesús, a quien ustedes mataron colgándolo de un madero. Dios lo exaltó a su derecha como Príncipe y Salvador, para que diera a Israel arrepentimiento y perdón de pecados. Nosotros somos testigos de estos acontecimientos, y también lo es el Espíritu Santo que Dios ha dado a quienes le obedecen.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

### Psalm 118:14-29

*Lector reads plain text, All read bold text*

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the  
tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**17 I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter."

**21 I give thanks to you, for you have answered  
me and you have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**25 Hosanna! O Lord, save us!  
We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!**

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

**27 The Lord is God and has given us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the  
corners of the altar.**

28 You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**29 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is  
good; God's mercy endures forever.**

## + Gospel Acclamation

by Tim Gustafson (2024)

Sing al - le - lu - - - ia\_\_\_\_\_ for the Word of life.

— Sing al - le - lu - - - ia\_\_\_\_\_ for that Gos - pel\_\_\_\_\_ light.

— Sing al - le - lu - - - ia,\_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - - - ia.

— Sing al - le - lu - ia,\_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - - - ia.\_\_\_\_\_

## + Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not

Al atardecer de aquel primer día de la semana, estando reunidos los discípulos a puerta cerrada por temor a los judíos, entró Jesús y poniéndose en medio de ellos, dijo: —¡La paz sea con ustedes! Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Al ver al Señor, los discípulos se alegraron. —¡La paz sea con ustedes! —repitió Jesús—. Como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes. Acto seguido, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo:—Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes perdonen sus pecados, les serán perdonados; a quienes no se los perdonen, no les serán perdonados. Tomás, al que apodaban el Gemelo y que era uno de los doce, no estaba con los discípulos cuando llegó Jesús. Así que los otros discípulos le dijeron:—¡Hemos visto al Señor!—Mientras no vea yo la marca de los clavos en sus manos, y meta mi dedo en las marcas y mi mano en su costado, no lo creeré —repuso Tomás. Una semana más tarde estaban los discípulos de nuevo en la casa y Tomás estaba con ellos. Aunque las puertas estaban cerradas, Jesús entró y, poniéndose en medio de ellos, los saludó.—¡La paz sea con ustedes! Luego dijo a Tomás:—Pon tu dedo aquí y mira mis manos. Acerca tu mano y métela en mi costado. Y no seas

doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

incrédulo, sino hombre de fe. —¡Señor mío y Dios mío! —exclamó Tomás. —Porque me has visto, has creído —le dijo Jesús—; dichosos los que no han visto y sin embargo creen. Jesús hizo muchas otras señales en presencia de sus discípulos, las cuales no están registradas en este libro. Pero estas se han escrito para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, y para que al creer en su nombre tengan vida.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

**Dialogue Sermon - Bibles and Brews**



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en  
 2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to  
 3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who  
 4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,  
 love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en  
 fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion  
 and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -  
 bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en  
 where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what  
 all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,



brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the  
 for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose  
 is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ  
 Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
 word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
 ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.  
 dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984

## + Prayers of the People

*Please note that additional congregational prayers can be found in the weekly e-news called the Thursday Epistle.*

*Following each petition: Risen One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## + Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

## MEAL

### Offertory

### Rise Up Get Going

Bret Hesla (2025)

Ch: Rise up now! Get go - ing! Hope got out\_\_ of that tomb.

Rise up now! Get go - ing! Hope got out\_\_ of that tomb.

Rise up now! Get go - ing! Hope got out\_\_ of that tomb.

Love's on the move\_\_ Rise up, get go - ing!\_\_

Words and music by Bret Hesla.

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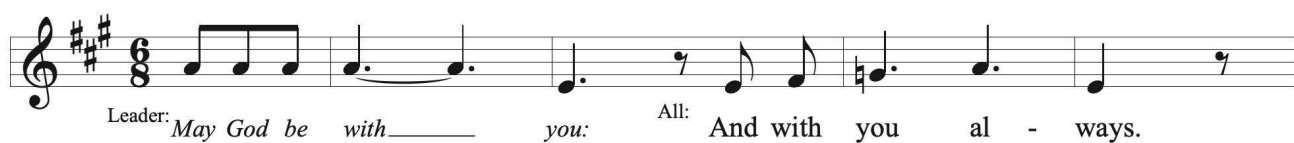
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### + Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, **for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## + The Great Thanksgiving

by Tim Gustafson (2024)



It is indeed right....we join their unending hymn:



## + Sanctus

by Tim Gustafson (2024)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of earth and  
sea and sun: Morn - ing and night, Pow - er and  
might are yours. Bless-ed is the One who  
comes in your name. Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - - - est.

## + Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

### + The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

### ***If you are at home and sitting with others...***

*When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

### ***If you are at home on your own...***

*Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

### ***If you are worshipping in-person today...***

*We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. A blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.*

### ***If you seek healing prayers today...***

*A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.*

## Music During Communion

God of Love

by Tim Gustafson (2024)



1. God of love,— your ta - ble is a gift to the world;  
2. God of love,— have mer - cy on the world, we pray;—  
3. God of love,— we gath - er at your ta - ble in prayer;



God of love, your ta - ble is a gift to the world.  
God of love, have mer - cy on the world, we pray.—  
God of love, we gath - er at your ta - ble in prayer.



God of love, you call — us to be light to the world.  
God of love, have mer - cy on us all ev - ery day.—  
God of love, we gath - er with your saints ev - ery - where.

## We Are Beloved of God

by Tim Gustafson (2024)

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Leader: *We are be-lov'd of God. We are beau-ti-fly made.*

All: *We are be-lov'd of God. We are beau-ti-fly made.*

*We are fierce - ly loved — and gent - ly held. —*

*— We are fierce - ly loved — and gent - ly held. —*

Words: Based on a blessing by Rev. Jen Nagel. Adapted by Tim Gustafson. Music: Tim Gustafson  
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### +Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

### +Prayer after Communion

Let us pray: Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

### + Announcements

### + Sending Hymn

Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

ELW 375

*(Refrains each time in English then Spanish, vss. 3-4 in English)*

### +Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## +Dismissal


Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Vayan en paz. A decir lo que Dios ha hecho.  
**Gracias a Dios.**

## Postlude

The Tomb is Empty Now

by Tim Gustafson

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## Today’s Worship Leaders

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