

Our Father's Lutheran Church



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Easter Sunday

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WELCOME TO OFLC!

We are pleased that you decided to join us in worship this morning. We hope you'll feel at home here, and God's presence! We have a few helpful notes for you on the service to do that:

All hymns are in the red hymnal in the pew in front of you, or under your pew seat. You can find them using the number next to the hymn in the order of service.

The **bold** text indicates parts of the service where the whole congregation is invited to speak together.

Communion is celebrated at the front of the sanctuary at the communion rail. All are welcome to receive God's gift of grace, without exception. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive communion, but not at the rail, please let the service coordinator know and they will assist you!

Offering is not required to be with us in worship today, but we greatly appreciate any contribution you wish to make! If you wish to do so, you can place it in the basket at the end of your pew, or in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, a service coordinator will be happy to help you!

Here at OFLC, we don't have pre-scheduled worship assistants. We allow folks to help out as the Spirit leads them, and that includes visitors as well! If you'd like to take part in worship, please see Pastor Aaron or a service coordinator before the service and they'll be happy to involve you!

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THIS WEEK AT OFLC:

Monday:

Nourishing Hope: All day

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study: 10am

Engage & Confirm: 6pm

Bell Choir: 5:15pm

Choir: 6:30pm

Thursday:

Stork House Quilters: 9:30am

Saturday:

Men's Group: 7:30am

Sunday:

Morning Worship: 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

PRELUDE (CHOIR)

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

EASTER LITANY

L: He is risen!
A: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
L: Christ has died.
A: But he is risen!
L: Pain and sorrow enter our lives,
A: But Christ brings joy and resurrection.
L: Injustice and hatred dehumanize God's children,
A: But love and compassion conquer all!
L: There is so much that weighs on our lives,
A: But today, we proclaim with defiance that Christ bears those burdens with and for us, and frees us in his Grace.
L: He is risen!
A: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES! #380

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv-ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

bright fore-run-ner to the skies of his peo-ple, yet to rise.
 lives for-ev-er to be-stow bless-ings on his church be-low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic-tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic-tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o-bey.
 Glo-ry to our God a-bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Northwick, 1813-1897, alt.
 Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

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CLOSING SONG

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo-ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin-ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -

ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es

trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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 Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623
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LORD’S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The number 'S 146' is written in the top right corner of the first staff.

At OFLC, we practice an open table. All are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God. In this time of COVID, we are using prepackaged communion elements. The Pastor will give instructions as we observe the Sacrament safely. If you did not pick up a communion kit or need assistance with yours, please raise your hand when directed by the Pastor and one of our Worship Coordinators will assist you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & CHILDREN’S BELLS

PSALM 118: 1-2; 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLIMATION *Be Not Afraid* #388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ has risen, alleluia!
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GOSPEL **MATTHEW 28:1-10**

P: The Gospel, according to St. Matthew

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped 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: This is the Gospel of our LORD.

A: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

MUSIC MINISTRY (BELL CHOIR)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

During this time, if you wish to make a contribution to today’s offering, you may do so by placing it in the basket at the outside end of the pew, and passing it to the inside of the pew, closest to the center of the sanctuary. Service coordinators will collect the offering and bring to the front at the conclusion of music ministry.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Worship Assistant: The Lord is our strength and our might, God has become our salvation. (Psalm 118) Trusting in the promises of Easter, let us lift up prayers for the world, all of creation, and all people according to their need.

Worship Assistant: [reads aloud requests made by people this week]

Let us lift up any other prayers, spoken aloud, or silently within our hearts.

Pastor: Lord, you search us and know us. May our prayers rise to you so that we and all people may live, assured of your promises. **Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

Pastor:
It is at all times and in all places.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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