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Sunday, April 5, 2026

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!

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 a service coordinator before the service and they'll be happy to involve you!

- Chuck & Annette Tryon - In Memory of Laura Franklin
- Mark & Sandy Nelson - In Celebration of God's Goodness
- Wayne & Joyce Flury - In Honor of the risen Christ
- John Gilb - In Honor of our Granddaughter Paisley
- Al & Jackie Anderson - In Honor of our Many Blessings!
- Pam & Mike Hoekstra - In Honor of our Family
- Lisa Mae Barden & Brian Walton Family - In Memory of Judi Mae Thiesse
- Suzanne Otten - In Memory of Jack & Nona Daniels, Dick & Shirley Otten, Vivi-Anne & Mark Daniels and Vickie Otten
- Mark, Kristen & Natalie Bauer - In Memory of Verlin & Vera Bauer, Alvin & Dorothy Berger, Vincent Roche, Anders Betscher, Richard & Mary Ann Bahe, Anne Blackmore, Pat Blackmore, Rita & Joe Yablonski, Charolette Dowling, Monika & Kathrin
- The Bryant Family - In Memory of Dan & Lynne Bryant
- The Johnson Family - In Memory of the Johnson Quad
- Jim Strehlow - In Memory of Barb Strehlow



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Easter Flowers

- Curt, Amy & Madi - In Memory of Colton Jacobson
- Aaron Hunter & Shannon Sand - In Honor of the amazing people of Our Father's Lutheran Church
- Tari & Scott Brase - In Honor of Lillian Neibert
- Katie Webb - Finn and Cormick Webbs Grandparents
- Deb & Mike Dickman - In Memory of Violent Whitehead and Honor of Vincent, Hailey, Adam, and Ivan
- Wendy Gustafson - In Memory of Barb Strehlow
- Dale & Sheila Engebretson - In Honor of Family
- Ken & Kathy Lunderby - In Honor of Our Family
- Ron & Denise Hukriede - In Memory of Our Parents
- Becky Miller - In Honor of Jesus
- Lynne & Harold Greseth - In Honor of Our Family
- Karen Sangren - In Memory of Bob Sangren
- Cindy Streenstra - In Memory of Erma DeGrote
- Sherry Meola - In Memory of Parents Marlow & Helen Leikness and Husband, Jim Meola
- Jim & Deb Lupino - In Honor of Family

PRELUDE (BELL CHOIR)

Easter Rejoicing

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!

OPENING SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

#365

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

#174

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

P: The Gospel, according to John. **A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where



APRIL 5 - 12

Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY Worship - 9 am

NO Sunday School

Coffee, yogurt and muffins after Worship Service

Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

Old Den & Young Den - 6 pm (Education Room)

AA Meeting 7-8 pm (Conference Room)

BAS Troop 3490 - 7 pm

Tuesday

NO PD@ThePub

Girl Scout Troop 18757 - 6 pm (Education Room)

Wednesday

BIBLE STUDY - 10 am (Fellowship Hall)

AFS House Quilt Group - 10 am (Education Room)

Office hours 1 - 4 pm

E & C - 6:00-7:30 pm

Thursday

Sewing/Quilting Ministry - 9 am

Girl Scout Troop 48141 - 6 pm (Education Room)

Friday

Office hours 11 am-2 pm

Twin Hearts Meditation - 6 pm (Prayer Room)

Saturday

Private Event - GS Easter Egg Hunt 12 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday

Worship - 9 am

Sunday School during Worship Service

April Birthday Celebrations after Worship Service

CHOIR **Worship the King, Our God**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG **Thine is the Glory** **#376**

Go in peace and share the good news of the risen Christ!
Thanks be to God!

they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary of Magdala went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of our LORD. **A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & CHILDREN’S BELLS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Crown Him With Many Crowns** **#855**
(VERSE 3—CHOIR SINGS)

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 offering plate. Service coordinators will collect the offering and bring to the front at the conclusion of music ministry.

EASTER HALLELUJAH

(Mark Nelson, Amy Jacobson, Madi Jacobson, Pastor Dana, Kirty Coder & Avery Coder)

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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

All are welcome to God's Table, without exception! We believe that when we gather together at the communion rail, Christ comes to be among us in the bread and wine. We experience God's grace together in a very real and powerful way that strengthens us for life's journey! If you do not wish to receive communion, or if you feel your child is not yet ready to receive communion, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

#195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.