

Our Father's Lutheran Church



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Easter Sunrise Service

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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:

Bible Study: 10am

Engage & Confirm (5th-9th grades): 6-7 pm

Bell Choir: 5:15-6:30 pm

Choir: 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday:

Stork House Quilters: 9:30am

Saturday:

Men's Group: 7:30am

Sunday:

Morning Worship: 9 am

Sunday School: 9 am

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting, To hear it like the rest
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song
'Twill be the old, old story. That I have loved so long REFRAIN

BLESSING

L: Learning on the news of the empty tomb, let our hearts be filled with joy and wonder, and let our bodies be filled with God's Spirit to live out Christ's resurrection love in all places, so that all people may know this good news! Christ is risen!
A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER LITURGY

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!

SONG

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning,

My Lord, what a morning,

Oh, my Lord, what a morning

When the stars begin to fall,

When the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall. [Refrain]

2 You will hear the sinner cry
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall. [Refrain]

3 You will hear the Christian shout
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall. [Refrain]

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The gospel, according to Matthew. **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."

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG

Let All Things Now Living

(Offering is collected at this time. Your generosity is appreciated!)

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces; the stars in their courses,
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise.

Till all things now living, unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and
praise!

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER

L: Lord, you bless us with many good things. Let us bless you in return with these gifts, that they might be used to serve your people and all those in need, in the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

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

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and 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.

DISTRIBUTION

CLOSING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings, As nothing else can do

REFRAIN: I love to tell the story

'Twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story

Of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat

What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet

love to tell the story, for some have never heard

The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. REFRAIN