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Our Father's Lutheran Church



May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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!

Acknowledgements:

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TREASURERS REPORT - 2026 March Overview

March giving was **more than budgeted** by \$7,211

Expenses \$20,711 against a budget of \$20,309; **under budget** by \$402

General cash **decreased** by \$2,140 due to the continued giving for the general fund to be less than expenses.

Designated funds also **increased** by \$7,885 mostly due to a donation for Nourishing Hope.

	<u>Actual 2026</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Better/ (Worse)</u>
March			
Giving	\$ 28,253	\$ 21,042	\$ 7,211
Total Expenses	20,711	20,309	402
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 7,542	\$ 733	\$ 6,809

<u>Total Unrestricted (General) Cash</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Inc/(Dec)</u>
General Fund /Petty Cash	\$ 25,740	\$ 23,600	\$ (2,140)
Thrivent	\$ 2,451	\$ 2,495	\$ 44
Total General Fund Cash Balance	\$ 28,191	\$ 26,095	\$ (2,096)

<u>Total Restricted (Designated) Cash</u>			
Nourishing Hope	30,318	35,318	5,000
Building Improvements	26,003	28,060	2,057
Ministry	20,017	20,845	828
Other	6,590	6,589	(0)

Total Designated Cash	\$ 82,928	\$ 90,812	\$ 7,885
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TOTAL CASH	\$ 111,118	\$ 116,907	\$ 5,789
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There are a variety of ways we give to God. We recognize that all things belong to God and come from God, therefore we are stewards and caretakers of these gifts. We honor God through the giving of our time, talent, and money. Your donations support the ministries and programs at Our Father's Church.



MAY 3 - 10

Sunday

Worship - 9 am
Sunday School kids sing
Sunday School during worship service

Monday

Office hours 11 am-2 pm
Scouts Court of Honor - 4-8 pm
(Education Room & Fellowship Room)
AA Meeting 7-8 pm (Conference Room)
Transition Team Meeting - 7 pm

Tuesday

PD@ThePub 4:30 - 6 pm at Billy's in Rockford
Girl Scout Troop 18757 - 6 pm (Education Room)

Wednesday

NO BIBLE STUDY

AFS House Quilt Group - 10 am (Education Room)
Office hours 1 - 4 pm
Girl Scout Troop K/1st - 6 pm (Education Room)

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

Sunday

Worship - 9 am
Happy Mother's Day!



WELCOME

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** **#367**
(Please stand as able)

Pastor: The grace of our Lord 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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY **I've Got the Joy** **Sunday School Kids**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING **ACTS 7:55-60** **Pg 891**

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (Read Responsively)

- 1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
- 2 **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

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.

CLOSING HYMN **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine** **#774**
(Please stand as able)

SENDING Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The pastoral transition team has begun its work to identify and clarify what our congregation needs in a new pastor. The OFLC Transition Team will be meeting again on Monday May 4th.

We are following a process and will be asking for feedback, ideas, or feelings on the state of our church! The purpose of the Transition Team is to get a pulse on our congregation, the needs and purpose of Our Father's Lutheran Church, the direction our congregation would like to move towards the future of our mission and ministry, and how we can present our best selves through God's guidance in our community.

As a reminder, the transition team members are: Kelly Miller, Brian Walton, Amy Jacobson, Dan Reed, Diane Dorrel, and Pastor Dana. Please speak with or reach out to any of the Transition Team members with your thoughts or questions, and we will be happy to share with the rest of the team.



VBS 2026 AT OFLC!

Get ready for fun, laughter, excitement, and a bit of noise as you venture into friendship with Jesus at Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford. We hope you can join us!

All children ages 3 through 4th Grade.
Cost: \$15 per child (Increases to \$25 after 7/22)
Please contact: admin@ourfatherschurch.org with any questions.

Go to <https://oflc.breezechms.com/form/d48dd840206613> to sign up.

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. **If you are unable to come to the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let a communion assistant know and communion will be brought to you.***

LAMB OF GOD #195

COMMUNION HYMN Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing #389

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING 1 PETER 2:2-10 Pg 984
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as able) #174

GOSPEL JOHN 14:1-14 Pg 877
The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Open Our Eyes, Lord (Please stand as able)

Open our eyes, Lord. We went to see Jesus.
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus. (Repeat)

Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Worship Assistant: Let us pray for the world, creation, and all people.

L: God of grace **C: Receive our prayer**

Worship Assistant: We now pray for all those we care about. Let us name them now.

People may offer prayers aloud or silently at this time.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, who is our comfort, our peace, and our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

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 the song. Electronic giving options: Simply Giving or Breeze. (Contact the church office for more information.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE)

#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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