



EASTER *Sunday*

“Don’t be alarmed,”
he said.
“You are looking for
Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified.
He has risen!
He is not here.
See the place
where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6, NIV

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Living Hope Lutheran April 5, 2026

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Easter Brunch. . . . Noon

Divine Worship. . . . 2pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 118;

PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: WS 799 LSB 490 TLH 203 LSB 457

OPENING SCRIPTURE/PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 799 - *"This Is the Feast of Victory"*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

- C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

Pastor: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **C: Amen.**

OT LESSON

ISAIAH 45:5-8

⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

⁸"Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the Lord have created it. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.
¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." *

THE ALLELUIA:

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation:

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: LSB 490 - *“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”*

SERMON:

ROMANS 10:9-10

“...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” **

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

...the difference between eternal life and eternal death.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, the offering plates are passed at this time.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 207:2,4)

♪ Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 203 - *"Morning Breaks upon the Tomb"*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. On this glorious day we praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the very Passover Lamb offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; He has by His death destroyed death and by His rising to life has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good and the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: **LSB 457** - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this afternoon in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 5, 2026

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

No Bible Study

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial, 6pm

Wednesday: Living Hope Confirmation 4:00pm

Sunday: Worship 2pm; Bible Study/Sunday School 3pm.

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month during the vacancy. If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our next Confirmation Class will be held (God-willing) this Wednesday April 8th at 4pm.

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

*The women of the congregation are invited to join us for a virtual retreat themed "Press Pause: The Future Is the Lord's" on **Sunday April 12th** at noon. We plan to watch the pre-recorded presentations with some time after for discussion and visiting. Feel free to bring a dish to pass or snack or drinks. Invite any other women in your life that you feel could benefit from a pause in life's busy schedule to get encouragement from God's Word.*

SPRING MISSION FESTIVAL

A Spring Mission Festival is planned for Sunday April 19th with Pastor Tom Naumann leading the Bible Study and doing the preaching.

PASTORAL SHORTAGE IN THE CLC

Please continue to pray that the Lord Jesus provide workers for our CLC Pulpits. In the last 6 months, Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor Ted Barthels and Pastor Del Maas have announced their intention to retire from the Public Ministry in 2026. We have 65 congregations being served by 45 men. We also have 21 Pastors and Professors over 60 years old, 19 that are over 65 and 9 that are over 70 years of age.

We have 10 churches without or about to be without a full-time pastor to serve them, including: 1) Trinity in Spokane WA; 2) Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ; 3) Our Redeemer's in Red Wing MN; 4) St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD; 5) Messiah in Eau Claire, WI; 6) Living Hope of Appleton, WI; 7) St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN; 8) Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI; 9) Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND; 10) St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.

This is further complicated by the fact that we anticipate 1 graduate from Seminary in the next 3 years. There are 14 men in the Pre-Theology Program at ILC, but it will take at least 7 years to graduate them...if they all continue.

We may have a shortage for at least the next decade. This isn't only an issue facing only the CLC. In the CLC, 11% of our congregations have vacancies. In the WELS they are also at 11%. The LCMS is at 20% and the ELCA seems to be much higher. What is the point of all this? Be thankful that you have a pastor and pray that God moves other men to serve.

ILC GIRLS DORM SUPERVISOR

Jaqi Bredehoft will be resigning as girls dorm supervisor at the end of this school year. We thank her for her faithful service to the LORD and for being such a positive role model to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. This role is vital to our campus, given how dorm supervisors provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Dan Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.

CLC YOUTH CAMP

"Hello everyone! We are still looking for some spots to be filled for both CLC Youth Camp for those going into 6-9th grade and Pre-Camp for those going into K-5th grade. We would love to have you for a week of Christ centered fellowship and fun! You can find the sign-up sheet on our website: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>. Sign-up quick before it fills up! Please, feel free to email us with any questions at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com."

CLC Youth Camp Directors, Ethan Sydow and Riley Naumann.

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb

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Luke 24: 5
William B. Collier, 1812, ab.

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Innocents
French melody, 15th century

1 Morn-ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus scat - ters all its gloom.
2 Ye who are of death a - fraid Tri - umph in the scat - tered shade.
3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears, Chase your un - be - liev - ing fears;

Day of tri - umph thro' the skies; See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.
Drive your anx - ious cares a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.
Look on His de - sert - ed grave, Doubt no more His pow'r to save. A - men.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Michael Wilke who currently serves Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI • Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI has called Pastor Jonah Albrecht who currently serves Tacoma and Lynnwood, WA. • Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ, has been called by Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. • Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, has returned the call of Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Rob Sauers who currently serves Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor David Pfeiffer, who currently serves Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. • Teacher Lane Fischer has returned the call of Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI. • Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God/Mapleton (Fargo) and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN has retired due to health concerns.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Living Hope to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 3/31/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (15)
\$5,500.00	\$3,683.25	\$1,816.75	\$121.00

Living Hope General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 3/31/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (40 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$13,066.50	\$88,612.50	\$2,215.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 6-11, 2026

Monday – Mark 16:1-8 The women’s devotion to Jesus brought them to the empty tomb, where they learned the startling news : “He has risen!” (v6) Thus they became messengers of the good news to His disciples.

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 As the Passover meant a new lease on life for God’s people, so the resurrection means new life. Let us, therefore, leave behind the old wicked ways and celebrate with sincerity and truth.

Wednesday - Isaiah 52:13-15 As we ponder the wondrous Easter news, we remember how the prophet Isaiah proclaimed well in advance the exaltation of the Lord’s Servant, after His deep humiliation.

Thursday – Psalm 111 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD for His glorious and majestic work (v3) on our behalf! He sent redemption for His people (v9), as we learn from His awesome Word!

Friday – Psalm 113 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The name of the LORD is to be praised always and everywhere. It is higher than the earth and the heavens. He bends down to see and lift up the poor and needy. Hallelujah!

Saturday – Psalm 114 Israel’s deliverance from Egypt reminds us of our deliverance from death and hell. On the way to the promised land, the waters could not stop them and Sinai trembled. We, too, are led safely home!



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