



# Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

## Welcome to Lord of Life!

All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today! The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.

**Communal words** spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

**Holy Communion** is the Lord's Table and all are welcome, regardless of age. We celebrate the Eucharist (literally "thanksgiving") during worship every Sunday. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available.

**Children are welcome in this place!** At baptism, we welcome people into God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them. We have a few resources for parents:

*PrayGround:* Table up front with coloring supplies. Go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently.

*Activity Bags:* great things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them.

*Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): You can leave young children in the nursery. Our nursery attendant has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security.

*Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around.

**Offering** is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give, but for those comfortable participating, please join us in this act of worship. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate by using the QR code that leads you to the website ([www.lordoflife.org](http://www.lordoflife.org)), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor).

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

**If you are worshipping from home**, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, and water for remembering your baptism. Join

worship in-person to celebrate Communion with the congregation! If that is not possible, please reach out and we can have a member of our Care Team arrange a visit with Communion.

*Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

*You can learn more at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Unburying the Alleluia

### GATHERING HYMN: ELW #365 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*We give thanks for the gift of baptism that unites us with Christ in death and resurrection.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism that unites us with Christ in death and life.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, **we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Let us live and proclaim this good news!

### BAPTISMAL HYMN: ELW #453 *Baptized and Set Free*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Risen Messiah, **Allelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and redeemer.**

**Amen.**

# Word

All Christian worship is biblical. We currently follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), a relatively new approach to reading scripture, created by professors at Luther Seminary in 2010. The NL seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture. We start in Genesis in the fall and work through the early stories of God's people, hear from the prophets and reach the gospel by Christmas, where we stay through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and then stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

*Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen. and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW Setting 8

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## READING OF SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-11

The holy gospel from Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

### Festival Choir

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### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The creeds are a response to and a proclamation of the word. In our liturgy, sometimes we will use the creeds within church doctrine, and sometimes we use affirmations of faith, like this one, that use modern language to articulate our beliefs. Sometimes new words open up new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is adapted and used with permission from Pilgrim Uniting Church in Australia.*

Let us affirm our faith in God together.

**We believe in God, who creates us,  
who sustains us, who is our life and our breath.**

**We follow Jesus Christ, who showed us God.  
He received and shared God's grace.  
He trusted God in everything.  
He let go of life, so all would come to know God's Love.  
He gave his life, so all might be healed.  
And though he was crucified, God gave him life again.  
He rose, and is still among us in a new way.**

**Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
We now live as the Body of Christ in the world.  
We rejoice in the gift of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection,  
And the mystery of eternal life.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Christ,  
we devote ourselves to give generously of all we receive,  
for the sake of the healing of the world,  
and the eternal glory of God.  
Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This time of prayer reflects the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world. You are invited to bring voice to these petitions as they call upon your heart.*

*Assisting Minister:* Alleluia! On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and all of creation.

*Reader:* Alleluia! God, you are resurrection. Bring joy to your church as we spread the good news that Jesus is risen. Lead us to proclaim this message with persistence and confidence.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Alleluia! God, you are creator. Open our eyes to the first fruits of new life around us; to budding trees, nourishing rains, warm breezes, and freshly tilled soil. Inspire our gratitude and renew our commitment to stewardship of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Alleluia! God, you are reconciliation. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife, especially in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and South Sudan and Sudan. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Alleluia! God, you are strength. Awaken hope and perseverance in all who need to hear your words of life this day; those who are hungry, anxious, sick, oppressed, or despairing.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Alleluia! God, you are life. We give you thanks as we remember our baptisms today. By water and your word, we are forever joined to Christ's death and resurrection. Embolden all who share this baptized life and renew us in faith and in action. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Alleluia! God, you are comfort. Draw near to all who grieve. Refresh us with the promise that you will destroy death and that, with all the saints, we will be made alive forever in Christ.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Assisting Minister:* We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*As we share the peace with each other, remember that we all have different comfort levels of touch. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, a smile, a fist bump, or a handshake. We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ, not simply a greeting.*



**ARTFUL OFFERING**  
Movement Choir

*Speechless* by Steven Curtis Chapman

Celebration

## OFFERING

*A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We will not pass the plate and invite your gifts in the offering box in at the font. Your financial gifts can be made electronically through our website ([www.thelordoflife.org](http://www.thelordoflife.org)), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory, **receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void  
and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.


From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life;  
the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands  
and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed,  
you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again;  
you taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us, tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death;  
in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of bread he shows himself among us;  
by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness,  
with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear,  
we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn  
and join the undying song of heaven:

#### *ELW Setting 8*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### *Words of Institution*

At the meal where he dined with his friends who would betray and deny...

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please use the version or language of your heart.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

**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.**

## COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.

Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!

The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.

## LAMB OF GOD, ELW Setting 8

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: ELW #376 *Thine is the Glory*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.**

*Sending*

## BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world;  
may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him;  
may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
sustain us now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW #382 Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

*You are invited to turn and face the cross as it leads our way into the world.*

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*You are welcome to take this bulletin with you, or you may leave it at the entrance to be reused for the next service.*

*Happy Easter!*

*Lord of Life Lutheran Church Mission Statement*

As Lutheran Christians, Lord of Life invites all people, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, to worship God, serve others, and build community, in order to transform individuals, the Tri-Cities, and the world.

*Lord of Life Lutheran Church Values*

The spirit by which we go about living our mission and doing ministry.

**ACCEPTANCE**

We welcome all without exception, as modeled by Jesus.

**GENEROSITY**

We share our time, abilities, and resources in serving all God's people.

**SERVICE**

We meet the needs of others without recognition or expectation.

**GROW in FAITH**

We recognize that faith is a journey with intellectual and spiritual challenges along the way.



# Upcoming Activities at Lord of Life

## Opportunities next Sunday:

- **Egg Hunt** at 9 a.m.
- **Blessing of Quilts** in worship before they are sent around the world through Lutheran World Relief.
- **Presentation about homelessness** in the Tri-Cities and how we can be part of the solution from the Mission Possible Planning Team at 9 a.m. in the Middle School Room.

## Opportunities in May:

- **Sunday Faith Formation**
  - May 4, Adult Forum, continued conversation and presentation on homelessness
  - May 4, children and youth, Communion class with Pastor Kirsten and Carla
  - May 11 & 18, everyone, cross+generational Communion class with Pastor Kirsten and Carla
- **Service Day at Campbell Farm**—Lord of Life's spring trip to Campbell Farm is planned for Friday, May 2. This is the trip where we help with spring cleanup and plant flowers. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please talk to Joy Scherpelz or Maureen Ritter.
- **Take Me Out to the Ballgame!** LoL will join area ELCA churches to attend the Dust Devils game on Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet on the board outside the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$12 a piece. Deadline is Sunday, April 27.

## Study Opportunities

- Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets every Sunday (off for Easter) at 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday Scripture Study on Zoom, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.; leader is Pastor Kirsten (509-492-2145)
- Monday Night Bible Study - leader is Steve Joyce (509-627-4458)
- Search, Explore, Discover book study - leader is Ron Shipman (509-980-1023)
- Balanced Life - leader is Maureen Ritter (509-375-4204)
- Women of the ELCA Bible Study - facilitator is Donna Kary (509-947-4419)

Save the Week!! June 22 - June 27 2025 - **The 2025 Summer Mission Possible Servant Learning week** will be in the Tri-Cities beginning Sunday evening June 22 with dinner at 5pm, and a presentation by our Keynote speaker at 6pm. Following Sunday evening, each morning (Monday through Thursday) we will gather for breakfast, then have opportunities to choose between touring facilities dealing with the needs of the unhoused in the Tri-Cities, and/or participate in work projects within our community. Each evening we will gather for dinner followed by panel discussions led by representatives from agencies/organizations/churches providing services to the unhoused in our community. Childcare will be provided each evening so all can come to dinner and hear the presentations. To prepare for this week, the Mission Possible Team invites you to come to the Adult Forums at gam on April 27, and May 4 to view videos of cities now managing homelessness.

**Wednesday Email and Monthly newsletter** - If you want to receive LoL's email communications, please send your email address to [office@thelordoflife.org](mailto:office@thelordoflife.org).

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*We want to be available to you. Making appointments is helpful.  
Prayer requests should be sent to [LordofLifePrays640@gmail.com](mailto:LordofLifePrays640@gmail.com).*

**Office Hours for Ana:** M-F, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

**Office Hours for PK:** M-Th, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. (Off on Fridays)

*The Church Office is closed for Easter Monday on April 21.*



*Join us every Sunday in-person or online at 10 a.m.*