



*Easter Sunday*

*April 5, 2026*

# 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.

**We are grounded in the sacraments** of baptism and communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table; there are no exceptions. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available. If you aren't baptized and would like to be, please talk to Pr. Kirsten.

**Children are welcome in this place!** At baptism, we celebrate our place in 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. Please, no phones at the Prayground.

*Activity Bags:* 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): Our nursery is staffed by a capable young adult who is kind and has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security.

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

*Children's Message:* children are invited up front to engage with part of the message in worship.

*Communion:* children are welcome to receive the elements or a blessing. Please let the server know your preferences.

There are **Assisted Listening devices** available just outside the sanctuary doors for those that need amplified sound. We also have an Auracast system that allows you to connect to your hearing aids through your phone and Bluetooth connection. Directions are posted on the wall in the narthex / entryway.

**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. 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 electronically 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), or in the offering box at the font.

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, water for remembering your baptism, and, if you will be participating in Communion, bread and wine or suitable substitutes.

*Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). 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. Learn more at [native-land.ca](http://native-land.ca).*

# Gathering

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Unburying the Alleluia

## 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!

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us pray.

Loving God, **with joy and unending praise we raise our voices to you, as together we say and sing, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" To you be all honor and glory, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC: *Crown Him Lord of All*, Festival Choir

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# 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, p. 188

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.

## GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW #361 *The Day of Resurrection!*, verses 1-3

## **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 different words open new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.*

Let us affirm our faith in God together.

**We believe in God,**

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all  
and whose love, defeating death, holds a promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,  
to seek justice and to live in peace,  
to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,  
and in the company of the faithful, wherever found.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This time of prayer reflects God's mercy for the whole world. You are invited to 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. We pray for the Artemis crew and all who are guiding the mission. 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 Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. We pray for Pope Leo XIV, the Dali Lama, and all faith leaders speaking hope for peace in the world. 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. We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers; for all affected by rising fuel and food costs and access; for support, visibility, and civil rights for transgender individuals; and for all who have experienced religious trauma and feel alienated from the church. 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. We pray for our Jewish siblings during the observance of Passover, and for renewal for all people of faith. 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

Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God.

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

*We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ to each other. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, or simply a smile, and say "peace be with you," or similar words.*

# Meal

**ARTFUL OFFERING:** *Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*, Celebration Movement Choir  
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## 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. Your financial gifts may be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website, 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.

*Words of Institution*

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

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 proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Through Christ, given for us, tortured and forsaken, yet not confined by death;  
Who, in the garden speaks our name;  
Who, in the breaking of bread shows himself among us;  
Who, by the lakeside, in the new day, calls us to take up his work;  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## 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, p. 191



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 #869 *We Have Seen the Lord*

*We echo Mary's declaration in the Gospel: "I have seen the Lord!" This hymn comes from Tanzania (the Iringa Diocese). It was arranged by Mark Sedio and Jeff Sartain. Jeff happens to be LoL member Carol Peterson's brother!*

ELW #388 *Be Not Afraid*

*Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6).*

## 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!*

## 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, April 12:

- **Egg Hunt** at 9 a.m.
- **Blessing for New Drivers** during worship

## Opportunities in the future:

- **Sunday Faith Formation, 9:00 a.m. in Grace Place**
  - April 12 – May 17, Adult Forum class exploring the Apostles' Creed
  - April 19 – May 17, Children and Youth Bible classes
- **Service Day at Campbell Farm**—Lord of Life's spring trip to Campbell Farm is tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 22. This is the trip where we help with spring cleanup and plant flowers. If you are interested, please talk to Donna Kary.
- **Worship with other Lutherans** –On April 26, we will worship at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran, Kennewick with other Tri-Cities and Synod friends in town for Synod Assembly. There will be no activity at LoL this day.
- **Congregational Conversation and Revisioning** – On Saturday, May 2, all Lord of Life members and friends are invited to help us as we revisit the goals we set in 2024, when we established our Mission Statement and Values. Together we will wonder, review, and dig deeply to discern goals for our future. More info to come.

## Study Opportunities

- Youth Group (Grades 6-12) meets every Sunday (off for Easter) at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room
- Sunday Scriptures Study on Zoom, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.; leader is Pastor Kirsten (509-492-2145)
- Monday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. - leader is Steve Joyce (509-627-4458)
- Wednesday Zoom Discussion, 6:30 p.m. – leader is Michele Brown (407-443-0682)
- Women of the ELCA Bible Study, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. - leader is Donna Kary (509-947-4419)

## Wednesday Email and Monthly Newsletter

These are our main sources of communication. If you want to receive these, please send an email 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.

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**Office Hours for Dcn. Karleigh:** Tu-F, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. (*Off on Mondays*)

*The Church Office is closed for Easter Monday on April 6.  
Pastor Kirsten and Ana Arias are on vacation until April 12.*

*Join us in-person or online every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

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