

**10am, April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion**



HOPE IS RISING

Hosanna Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

EASTER PROCLAMATION:

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

OPENING HYMN: ELW 365 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Doug Jahns)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Today is the day of endings and beginnings.

C: In the glow of sunrise, the day of mourning ends and the new morning begins. Death died that day and hope is reborn. May the movements of the Spirit stir within our beings. The flood of grace and

mercy gives us new life. Inspire us to reflect on our yesteryears, when we were dead in our doubts, weakness and shame. May the tapestry of our lives, threads of change, new beginnings, and life reborn, sing songs of the resurrection of our Lord, dance to the rhythm of the Lord of the Dance and celebrate with our very lives the rising of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

WORD

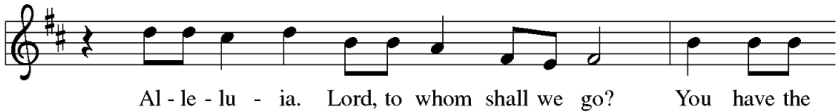
READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Psalm 126 (Tyra Heise)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Word of God; Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



A Story Retelling of the Gospel of Luke, the 24th Chapter: Luke 24:1-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (Pr. Anna)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the

apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Glory to you, O Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 394 – Hail Thee, Festival Day!,
v.1, refrain, v.2, refrain.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Doug Jahns)

L: God of the empty tomb, you meet us here, when the world still feels heavy and hope in so many personal, and global contexts, seems thin. Into that half-light, bring your resurrection life as we bring before you our prayers for ourselves, others and the world around us.

(Brief Silence)

P: God of the empty tomb, you call us into a story that refuses to stay small, a story that stretches beyond fear and invites us to live with open hearts. Set us free to walk as those raised in faith and spirit—awake, expectant, and alive to energy.

C: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

L: For all who begin this day with worry—who walk through grey mornings carrying burdens they did not choose - families stretched by the cost of living, communities wrestling with inequality, nations scarred by conflict and displacement. Roll away the stones that trap people in fear, and let peace rise like the dawn.

C: Let your dawn break through, O Christ.

L: For ourselves—where we feel stuck, where disappointment has settled, where imagination has grown thin—breathe your resurrection breath. Help us trust that stones can move and that new paths can open.

C: Let your risen hope take root in us.

L: For all who sow in tears today—refugees, the hungry, the grieving, those denied dignity or safety—bring restoration, fairness, and joy. Roll away the stones that trap people in fear, and let peace rise like the dawn. For those whose voices are overlooked—bless all today whose voices are dismissed: women, children, the poor, the silenced, those whose stories are brushed aside. Roll away the stones that trap people in fear.

C: Let peace rise like the dawn.

L: In the stillness of early morning, when shadows linger and the world has not yet woken, we gather before the God who brings light out of darkness and possibility out of endings. Risen Christ, you met the women in the quiet hour when grief was heavy and hope felt distant. Meet us now in the places where we wait for change or cry out for healing. Today we pray for **the family and friends of Alvin Yager, Jackie Schriener, Sandra (Klein) Cooney, Erna Kuraitis, Pat Bowman, the McKale, McIntyre & Milliken families**, those on the ongoing prayer list, and all those who we name silently or aloud. We pray...

C: Bring your risen life into our waiting, Lord.

HOSANNA ONGOING PRAYERS: Barbara Bakke, Vi Bowdige, Glenys Schmidke, Brian Shaw, Dale Grinde, Gladys Hansen, Susan Leeson, Terry Daubert, Graeme Peppink, Terry Suvanto, Harold Benn, Raymond, Fiona, Mike Wende Aldon, Pamela Beuerlein, Pat and Morley Becker, Gail Hadfield, Tom Hampton, Linda Serink, Gordon and Marlene Chapman, Dana Lesmeister, Archie Martin, Kay, Sheila Wood, Dianne and Tom Kieren, Shawn Marino, Chantel, Nathaniel Rietveld, Emily Stebner, Beth Olsen, Ken Hansen, Erwin Marquardt, Deliah Johannas, Al Wende, Liz Wise, Holly Armstrong, Darlene Brown, Marilyn Beebe, Dianne Begert, Elaine McKinlay, George Kubinski, Chelsea Sloan, Hilda Lindae

L: For your Church across the world and for own denomination. Teach us to listen with humility, and have the courage to take risks for your mission in the world. Let your love and justice spread, as did the first rays of new life emitting from the empty tomb. Today we brings prayers for Bishop Carla and the people of the Eastern Synod. All spouses and families of rostered ministers. Divine Redeemer, San Miguel. Prince of Peace Congregation, Tunja, Colombia. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique. The Anglican Diocese of Calgary. The Evangelical Churches in Canada.

C: May your light shine forth.

L: O God of Resurrection, you delight in life and celebrate each person born and each relationship built. We give you thanks for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week including **Tammy Chapman, Kirstin Lapierre, Ariane Wasilow, Meghan Wickstrand, Sam Robinson, Mark Vogel, Marcus Busch, Hilda Schweitzer, Tillie Tews, Gerry Landro.** Bless them on their day and in the year to come.

C: Let blessings be poured out upon your people.

P: The morning has broken. The stone is moved. Risen Christ, roll away the stones in our own lives—stones of despair, stones of resignation, stones that keep us from dreaming. Open our eyes to the new beginnings you are already shaping. The tomb is empty. Hope is rising. Let us live as Easter people. **C: Amen.**

THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC: Alleluia, He Lives!

(Hosanna Choir, Brass Quartet, Spiritoso!)

OFFERING HYMN: ELW 182 – Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



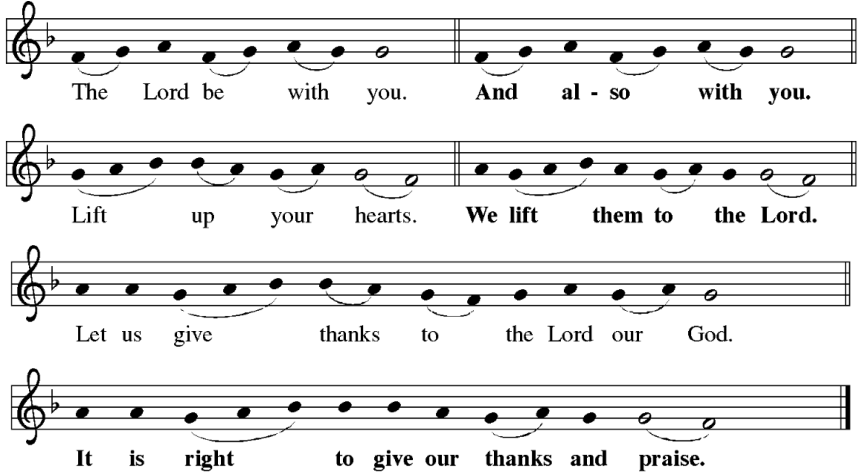
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Doug Jahns)

L: Let us pray. Risen Lord,

C: on this Easter morning we bring our gifts with gratitude. The Tomb is open! You have opened a future we could not imagine. Take what we offer—our money, our time, our hopes, our lives—and use them to bring light where shadows exist in our community and world. Use them to lift those who carry heavy burdens. Use them to build communities of justice and compassion. May these gifts bear witness to the truth that Christ is alive and hope is rising in your world. May these gifts be used in real life ways to bring Easter hope. Amen.

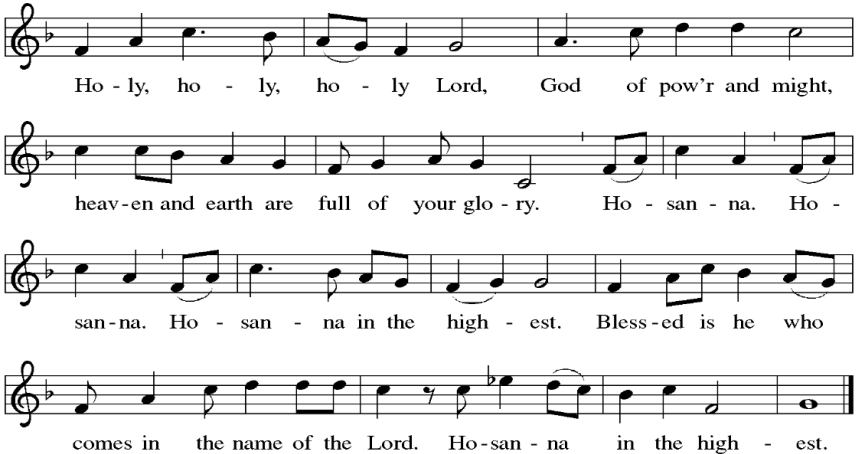
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

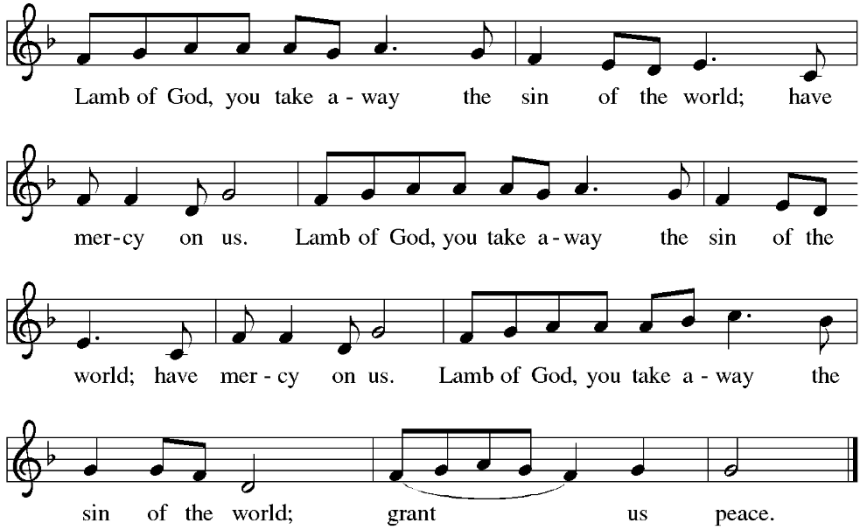
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD



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.



DISTRIBUTION: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communion is celebrated in a continuous fashion around the altar. Please come forward to receive a wafer/gluten free option, and pick up a cup for the wine/grape juice. Please put your used small cup in the container provided. If you prefer to be served

at your seat, please tell an usher. If you have questions about what to do, please ask.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

ELW 392 – Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

SENDING (Doug Jahns)

L: Rejoice! Jesus is not among the dead. He lives! He is within each one of us here. Alleluia! Go and proclaim the Good News.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: ELW 377 – Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Permission to livestream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense with license "A-733297".

<i>With thanks to those serving today:</i>	
Lay Leader	Doug Jahns
A Story Retelling	Pr. Anna
Reader	Tyra Heise
Altar Guild	John Campbell
Special Music	Hosanna Choir, Brass Quartet, Spiritoso!
Greeters	Barb & Eugene Ulmer
A/V Technology	Helena Hendricksen, Sam Robinson
Hospitality	Fellowship Committee
April Offering Counters	Johanna Borle, Rodina Couling, Doug Jahns, Karen Peitsch

TODAY

EASTER SUNDAY
10am Holy Communion
11am Sunday School



You are invited to join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning at 10am. Please prepare in advance by having bread or a gluten-free option, and wine or grape juice available to be shared. You are also invited to make your worship space special as you join us in worship. **Communion supplies are available at the church.**

Please join us in the Peace Hall after the service to share in an Easter brunch.

HOLY WEEK: April 6th – April 12th

EASTER MONDAY Church Office Closed/ 8pm AIAnon

TUESDAY 10am Painters/ 7pm 12-Step/ 7:15pm Confirmation

WEDNESDAY 10:30am Quilters/ 10:30am Staff/ 1:30pm Finance

THURSDAY 10am Bible Study/ 12pm Lenten Soup & Study/

2pm Food Bank/ 5:15pm Handbells/ 6pm Scouts/ 7pm Choir

FRIDAY 8am HTH Group/ 6:30pm Music Recital/

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

SATURDAY 8am 12 Step Group

SUNDAY 10am Holy Communion/ 11am Sunday School/

1:30pm Project Choir



EASTER MONDAY
April 6th
Church Office Closed

STAFF AWAY DATES:

Pr. James @ LLC April 2nd – 5th

Pr. Anna @ LLC April 24th – 26th

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** Friday, **April 10th @ 7:30pm** - This group meets monthly on the second Friday of the month. We will meet by Zoom for the season. All women are welcome to join in for study and fellowship. Talk to Sonja for details and ZOOM info.



Sharing God's Mission - Let's Talk

April 19, 2026, at 11:30am in the Social Room

There are many people new to Hosanna who are now attending and participating in our worship services. We hope that if you are one of those new persons that you are finding a place and a fit within our

community. The members of Church Council would like to have a social time together with you - to assist us in getting to know you better, and to enable us to learn about what brought you to Hosanna and what keeps you coming back. It would also be an opportunity for you to share with Church Council any questions or concerns you may have about participating in the life and ministry of the congregation.

If you feel that you are "new" to Hosanna, whether you have been attending here for a few years or just started last month, you are invited to join us on Sunday, April 19th at 11:30am in the Social Room to tell us about your experience in becoming part of our worship community, as we all work together to share God's mission to be his presence in the world. We will be providing a light lunch and coffee and tea. The event will end by 1pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Black Counter for you to put your names on if you are able to attend. Thank you for becoming part of life at Hosanna, and we look forward to getting to know each other better!

Hosanna Church Council

- ❖ **Membership Sunday** – **April 19th**. If you are interested in or considering in becoming a member at Hosanna, please speak with Pr. James.

Campus Ministry Cookie Sunday: April 19th



It will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the university year. Please bring homemade or bought cookies.

It is for the students that visit with Pastor Elly McHan in her office or at Martin Luther House.

See Orest Myroon for more info.



The **2026 Outdoor Spring Clean Up** will be held on **April 25, 2026, 9am – 11:30am**. There will be donuts and refreshments following the cleanup. Please bring your own gloves, rakes, and tools that you might need. Thank you. *Karen Peitsch*

Memories are made of these moments when you meet together and enjoy your family and great friends. This happened on March 29th, 2026, when the congregation joined to celebrate with myself and my family for my 100th year birthday. Your company and blessings were greatly appreciated.

Thank you all so much.

A l e x



Lenten Soup & Study Continues:
April 9, 16, 23, & 30th
(No Service)

ZOOM INFO for the Thursday Lenten Study:

Time: 12pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/yf4k86cv>

Meeting ID: 876 4989 7839

Passcode: 830565



UPDATE: Citizenship study support is moving ahead for **Annie** and **Angel**. Volunteers are invited to contact them directly to arrange meeting times. Citizenship Guides are available on the Black Counter. Thank you for your support.

Annie:

edmontonannie@gmail.com |

780-668-2255

Angel: Ange.horris@gmail.com |

825-461-9961

Could you pass a Canadian citizenship exam?

We absorb a lot of knowledge about Canada over the years and probably know more than we realize. Annie Neuville, formerly of Liberia and a friend of the Refugee Support Group since 2016, has asked for help to study for her citizenship exam. With study materials provided by the government in hand, Annie would appreciate someone working with her. She would like to set up study sessions in January.

If you are willing to help

Annie take this momentous step to become a Canadian citizen, please talk to **Cindy Schriener**.

The poster features a light blue background with large, stylized floral illustrations in shades of blue, pink, and white. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to create a visually appealing layout.

SPRING QUILT SALE!!!

May 2, 2026

Please join Hosanna's Quilters for a sale of Quilts,
afghans and crafts at very reasonable prices.

Coffee, tea & strawberry shortcake will be served.

Cost: \$5.00

10am – 1pm

**Please bring a large bag
for your quilt purchases!**



*Cash or personalized cheques
also accepted.*

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Proceeds of the quilt sale are
donated to
outreach charities.