

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN

507-896-3102

Easter Sunday Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Noisy Offering/FB

April 5, 2026



**HE IS RISEN**  
*Hallelujah*

- Monday:** Office Closed  
**Tuesday:** 2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle  
**Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice and Pictures (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** Pastor's Day Off  
**Saturday:**  
**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Executive Cabinet mtg.  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion/FB  
10:30 a.m. Coffee hr./Sunday School, Club 56 & Confirmation  
S.C. Cemetery Mtg.

Cross of Christ Mission Statement: *As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.*

## Prelude

## Ringing of the Church Bell

## Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

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 by 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**

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: ELW #365 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” with Brass

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king,  
Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured,  
Alleluia! our salvation have procured;  
Alleluia! now above the sky he's king,  
Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host,  
Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **Prayer of the Day:**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Choir Anthem**

#### **Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Gospel Acclamation ELW# 142**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Hymn of the Day: Hymn #376 “Thine Is the Glory”**

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.  
(Refrain)

**Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!**

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! **R**

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. **R**

## **Apostle's Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## **Noisy Offering**

## **Offering Collection**

### **Offertory Hymn# 144 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

**First Communion: Anika Carrier, Amelia Halvorson (9:30a.m.)**

**Invitation to Communion *Congregation Response: All are welcome.***

**The Distribution *(Please sign the pew pad.)***

**Communion Hymns: 364, 367, 373, 377, 380, 384**

## **Sending Song: ELW # 369 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" with Brass**

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled,  
Alleluia! sinless in the sinner's stead.  
Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;  
Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die.  
Alleluia!

3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife.  
Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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

## **Postlude**

---

### **Thank You for helping with the services today:**

**7:00** Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Savannah Kildahl, Taya Evenson

Reader: Denise Rostad

Communion: Jenelle Lemke, Denise  
Rostad, Larry Jerviss

Usher: Macsen Hegland-Tarr, Adelyn  
Hegland-Tarr

Brass Musicians: Dan Kildahl, Chris  
Kildahl, Easton Kildahl, Brian Jerviss,  
Jake Olson

### **9:30**

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Robbie Carlson, Tatum Bartsch

Reader: Cheryl Eaton

Communion: Lynn Meyer, Krin Abraham,  
Cheryl Eaton

Usher: Claire Srock, Owen Krings

Brass Musicians: Dan Kildahl, Chris  
Kildahl, Easton Kildahl, Brian Jerviss,  
Jake Olson

### **Easter Flower Given By:**



Mark, Dirk, Ann, Krin & Families: In memory of Arlow & Inez Abraham.

Joanne Amundson & Marion Frickson: In memory of David Amundson,  
Rev. Jim & Clare Amundson, Tobert & Ovedia Anderson, Gary Anderson.

Diane Botcher, Chris Botcher & Shannon Christensen: In memory of Clynt Christensen,  
Gladen & Floreen Sanden, Thor & Amanda Sanden, Louise & August Kuecker.

Marsha Benson: In memory of Dave Benson, Jeff Benson, Devyn Chapel, Liela & Allen  
Carlson, Chris Vix, Cher Benson, Tina Benson, Orvin & Martha Benson.

Marsha Benson: In honor of my children & siblings & their families.

Rich & Crew: In memory of Terry Botcher.

Alan and Karen Christensen: In honor of our family and grandchildren  
Cole and Anika Carrier, Evelena and Ariat Kildahl, Lila Christensen.

Paul & Becky Christensen, Paul & Ruth Dixon: In memory of Sherman Cole.

Paul & Becky Christensen, Paul & Ruth Dixon: In honor of Evie Cole.

Ken & Cheryl Eaton: In memory of our Parents Henry & June Eaton,  
Rudolph & Christine Boyum.

Gary & Vickie Frauenkron, Amy & Cory Wood & Family, Byron & Anna Frauenkron  
& Family: In memory of Bud & Donna Craig, Duane & Lois Frauenkron.

Mary George: In memory of Edwin & Minnie Schuldt, Butz George,.

Seth & Renae Hargrove & Family, Joff & Missy Pedretti & Family: In memory of Arden &  
Marge Hargrove.

James Oashger & Keith, Carrie, Casey Herek: In memory of Ruth Oashger.

Steve & Heidi Thompson & Family: In memory of Fred & Marilyn Huhn.

Jeff, Jen & Macy Jarchow: In memory of Dad/Grandpa Tom Nagle, Jeff's Parents Kevin  
& Kathleen Jarchow.

Sharon Marks & Family: In memory of Raymond & Paul.

Becky Nagle: In memory of My Husband Tom Nagle, My Dad Jim Botcher.

Scott & Becky Nelson, Beau & Samantha Nelson: In memory of Our Beloved Son  
Brock J. Nelson & our Fathers Roger Chiglo, Glen Nelson.

Pastor Dana: In honor of Derek, Miriam & Eben, The people of Cross of Christ,  
First Responders.

Andre, Barb, Denise and Kim Rostad: In memory of Allen and Mary Rostad.

From the Rostad children, spouses, grandchildren & great grandchildren: In memory of  
Sidney & Laura, Kenneth, Joey.