

Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing

Easter is not a time for groping through dusty, musty tomes or tombs to disprove spontaneous generation or even to prove life eternal. It is a day to fan the ashes of dead hope, a day to banish doubts and seek the slopes where the sun is rising, to revel in the faith which transports us out of ourselves and the dead past into the vast and inviting unknown.

~Author unknown, as quoted in the Lewiston Tribune

We Come Together

Prelude... *(this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship)*

***Introit:** What Wondrous Love Is This

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship *(on screens)*

***Hymn:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today **VU#157**

Opening Prayer: *(unison on screens)*

Personal Prayer Veni Sancte Spiritus **MV#75**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: Come Children Join to Sing (vs 1-2) **VU#345**

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

It's a bit hard to understand.

How did this happen?

Why is the tomb empty?

**It is a miracle, given by God to all of us. It is a promise
that there is more to life than what we know.**

**So we sing and pray and live the Jesus way knowing it is
what God wants for us.**

Amen.

Children's Hymn: Come Children Join to Sing (vs 3) **VU# 345**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

(We die in Adam and are made alive in Christ.)

Gospel: John 20:1–18

(Mary the Magdalene and Simon Peter find the empty tomb.)

Response (*seated*): It is God's special word:

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Sermon: Alleluia - Jesus is Risen

Anthem: He Is Risen

Passing the Peace of Christ

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: God is Here

VU#389

The Great Thanksgiving (*on screens*)

Hear the good news! Christ is risen and so we sing:

Holy, holy, holy God,

Power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

And so we remember that on the night before he died, ... For Christ is risen. Alleluia we sing... and so we remember and so we believe:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Distribution of the Elements

Fracture and Pouring

The Prayer After Communion

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

***Sung Dedication:** In Gratitude and Humble Trust **VU#544**

***Offertory Prayer:** *(unison on screens)*

***Hymn:** Thine is the Glory **VU#173**

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

Go to live as the Body of Christ
resurrected by love
and empowered by Spirit
to continue God’s work in this world.
Amen.

***Choral Blessing:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU#884**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers:	April 20 Marlene & John B.	April 27 Kim & Kevin
Screens:	April 20 Kevin	April 27 Erik May 4 Tracy

This Week’s Calendar			
Mon	Office closed for Easter Monday		
Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wed	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri *