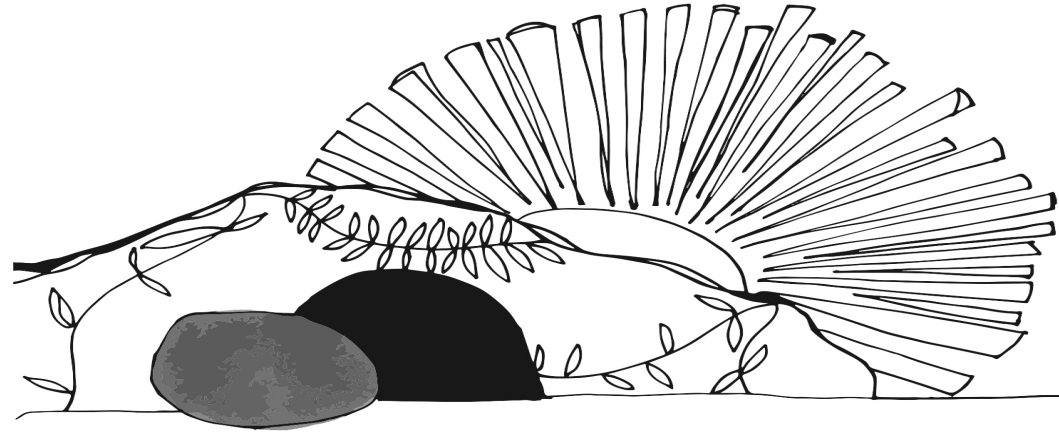


# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



### Worship Assistants

<b><u>Pastor:</u></b> -----	Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.	<b><u>Ushers</u></b> -----	Johnny Randermann Family
<b><u>Accompanist:</u></b> -----	Sunrise: Linda Schulze	<b><u>Council Members:</u></b> -----	Donna Skrla & Tina Seeker
	9:15: Linda Pieper	<b><u>Tellers:</u></b> -----	Cathy Boecker & Lauren Maass
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b> -----	Sunrise: Addison Westerfeld	<b><u>Sanctuary Prep:</u></b> -----	Sandy Janner & Carol Haarmeyer
	9:15: Cayd Wilkerson	<b><u>Church Ministers:</u></b> -----	St John Members
<b><u>Communion Bread:</u></b> -----	Betty Feldmann	<b><u>Naomi Circle</u></b> -----	Carolyn Kessel & Bevan Lazrine
<b><u>Lay Reader</u></b> -----	Sunrise: Hailey Kruse	<b><u>Ladies Aid:</u></b> -----	Carolyn Kessel & All
	9:15: Sandy Ordner	<b><u>Quilters</u></b> -----	Judy Griffin
<b><u>Family Aid:</u></b> -----	Karen Rosenbaum		
<b><u>Altar Preparations:</u></b> -----	Jennifer Schroeder & Jill Eckert		
<b><u>Screen Crew:</u></b> -----	Steve Skrla & Barnay Glaesman		
<b><u>Memorial Committee:</u></b> -----	Gayle Bednar & Elvera Tisdell		

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We ask that both members and visitors complete an attendance card each time you worship with us.

Please tune to 87.9 FM for access to the service in the church parking lot on Sundays.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

The Easter Proclamation.

(boldly) Christ is Risen!

**(boldly) He is risen indeed!**

(boldly) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**(boldly) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

**He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

Rejoice then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

(boldly) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**(boldly) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

ELW Pg. 152

**GATHERING HYMN Jesus Christ is Risen Today! (vs.1-3) ELW# 365**

#### INTROIT

**Exodus 15:1b**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

**the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**6:30 AM**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (vs. 1,3,4) ELW# 366**



**9:15 AM**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**Christ Arose**

**Choir Special**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all mercy and grace, your only Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**WORD OF GOD**

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

**The Good News For All**

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I 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> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John



proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews 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 made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 16 Shelter and Protection in God**

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> **The sorrows of those who run after another  
god shall multiply; their drink  
offerings of blood I will not pour out or take  
their names on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant  
places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of  
joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

**Christ is Your Life**

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where  
Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are  
above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is  
hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also  
will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ELW# 857**

**WORD OF GOD: Gospel Lesson**

The holy gospel according to St Matthew the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Jesus is Risen!**

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and 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>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and 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 to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**SERMON**

**Hymn Of the Day** Now, All the Vault of Heaven Resound (vs. 1,2,4) ELW # 367

**Apostles' Creed**

**page 105**

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

**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.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**



**Offering Hymn How Great Thou Art (all)**

**ELW #856**

**Offertory: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**ELW #884**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### DIALOGUE

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.**



### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

**Holy, Holy**

**ELW Pg. 153**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Eucharist Prayer:**

Let us pray ...Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may raise up in us a living faith in our risen Savior. Prepare us to look forward joyfully to our heavenly inheritance in Your promised land, even as we now receive Christ Jesus as He comes to us in His body and blood.

**Amen.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



## *Church Flowers - Easter Lily Honorees and Memorials*

*In memory of* **Cole Dismukes** *given by* Poncho and Julie Dismukes  
*In memory of* **Annie Nihill** *given by* Joseph Ordner  
*In memory of* **Joseph Keyes** *given by* Joseph Ordner  
*In memory of* **Annie Nihill** *given by* Joseph Ordner  
*In memory of* **Barry and Lydia Rust** *given by* Sandy Ordner  
*In memory of* **Wilber Hohlt** *given by* Marjorie Hohlt  
*In memory of* **Loved Ones** *given by* Linda Schulze  
*In memory of* **Judy's parents Fritz and Elsie Sommerfeld** *given by* Michael and Judy Griffin  
*In memory of* **Michael's Parents Cecil and Lorene Griffin** *given by* Michael and Judy Griffin  
*In memory of* **Alvin and Ester Schawe** *given by* James and Florence Wolff  
*In memory of* **Burnie and Nellie Wolff** *given by* James and Florence Wolff  
*In memory of* **Sara Beth (infant daughter) and Parents** *given by* Al and Audrey Steinbeck  
*In honor of* **Our Church Family at Prairie Hill** *given by* Butch Seeker Family  
*In honor of* **Loved Ones** *given by* Ben and Carolyn Kessel  
*In memory of* **Janice Fairlie** *given by* Barnay and Connie Glaesmann  
*In honor of* **Loved ones** *given by* Barnay and Connie Glaesmann  
*In memory of* **Kevin Hill** *given by* Mary Hill  
*In memory of* **Parents Charlie and Edna Feldmann** *given by* David and Betty Feldmann  
*In memory of* **Parents: Alton and Ruth Hahn** *given by* David and Betty Feldmann  
*In memory of* **Our Parents** *given by* Charles and Deanna Giese  
*In memory of* **Our Grandparents** *given by* Charles and Deanna Giese  
*In memory of* **Robert and Lena Finke** *given by* Janet Wehring  
*In memory of* **Jerry Finke** *given by* Janet Wehring  
*In honor of* **The Risen Christ** *given by* Donna Bentke  
*In honor of* **Jesus** *given by* Danney and Connie Rohde  
*In honor of* **Parents and Grandparents Howard and Verlin Kruse** *given by* Kathryn and Emmy Kate Boyd  
*In honor of* **St John Lutheran Church** *given by* Kathryn and Emmy Kate Boyd  
*In memory of* **Jim Kite** *given by* Sandy Kite  
*In memory of* **Alvin and Esher Schawe** *given by* Kristy Cochran  
*In honor of* **James and Florence Wolff** *given by* Kristy Cochran  
*In memory of* **Burnie and Nellie Wolff** *given by* Kristy Cochran  
*In memory of* **Alfred Boeker Jr** *given by* Trey and Cathy Boeker  
*In memory of* **Grandparents of Trey and Cathy Boeker** *given by* Trey and Cathy Boeker  
*In honor of* **Children, Grandchildren and Great grandchildren** *given by* Jeanette Preuss  
*In honor of* **Our Risen Christ** *given by* Pastor Norm and Laura Sulaica  
*In honor of* **Michael and Janice Anderson** *given by* Klatte and Anderson Families  
*In memory of* **Herbert and Ester Mae Klatte ;Naomi Zopfi** *given by* Klatte and Anderson Families  
*In memory of* **Our parents** *given by* Randy and Sandy Janner  
*In memory of* **Aunt Evie - Evelyn Ann Kruse** *given by* Jim and Hailey Kruse Family

**This Week's Events**

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

- 5:30 AM Luther League
- 6:30 AM Sunrise Service  
*Breakfast Following*
- 8:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- 9:15 AM Easter Worship Service

**Monday, April 6**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study -  
*With All Your Might: The Final Test*
- 6:00 PM Whittling for Christ
- 6:00 PM Executive Council

**Tuesday, April 7**

- 9:00 AM Music Planning Team
- 6:00 PM Bible Study  
*"The Chosen"*  
*Season 1 Episode 6 Viewing/Discussion*  
*You Are Made New*

**Wednesday, April 8**

- 4:30 PM Confirmation
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 9**

- 9:00 AM Office help
- 2:00 PM Ladies Aid

**Saturday, April 11**

- WNALC South Texas  
Mission Gathering

**Sunday, April 12**

- 8:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:15 AM Worship Service



*Wedding Anniversary wishes*

David & Carol Koehne 4/9 50 years  
Danney & Connie Rohde 4/12 51 years



**Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:**

Mina Kraft Davis	Marjorie Hohlt
Virginia Altman	Kooper Kirts
Ashley Armatys	Howard Kruse
Florence Bentke	Donald Lange
Tom Bentke	Kathy Nordt
Phyllis Bickham	Helen Schulze
Milton Bosse	Verna Mae Sefcik
Jerry Cochran	Delores Seeker
Janice Cordova	Connie Seward
Donna Deleon	Laura Sulaica
Ruth Finke	Vernon Wagner
John Haarmeyer	Carol Westerfeld
Elsie Herrmann	Florence Wolff

**Our Family and Friends**

Weldon Haevischer	Keith Mikolajchak
C E Hodde	Mr./Mrs. Greg Schmitt
Sandra Lange	Rain

*Names remain for 60 Days unless otherwise notified.  
Please use the back of the attendance card if someone  
needs to be added or removed from the list. Complete a  
card each time you attend a worship service.*



**Remembering  
your baptism day**

Amanda Dismukes	4/6
Sandy Janner	4/8
Regina Holtkamp	4/9
Ryan Schroeder	4/10
Verna Sefcik	4/10
Kannon Koehler	4/11

Lesson 5 With All Your Might: The Final Test

Monday

WITH ALL YOUR HEART

April 6

EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT™ With Ray Vander Laan

10AM



Whittling for Christ

Scripture and woodworking

6 PM

Monday nights In Activity Center.



Ladies Aid



This Thursday 2:00PM

Tuesday

April 7

6PM Bible Study

The CHOSEN

FIND YOURSELF IN THE STORY

Season 1, Episode 6

You Are Made New : View /Discussion

Confirmation Class



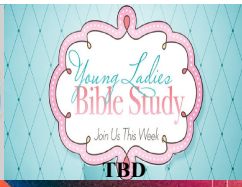
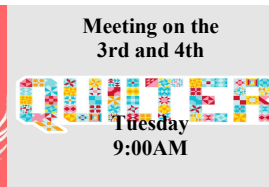
EVERY WEDNESDAY

4:30 Confirmation Classes

6:30 Choir Rehearsal



Join a St John Lutheran's Ladies' Group





The Church Library & Gift Shop are always open. Come in and see what's available for you or a loved one.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday

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