

EASTER SUNDAY



April 5, 2026

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Fanfare and Variations on *Noel Nouvelet* (Now the Green Blade Rises)

Raymond Haan

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

#365

Stanza 1 All

Interlude

Stanza 2 Women, all join for "alleluias"

Stanza 3 Men, all join for "alleluias"

Interlude

Stanza 4 All

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.

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

WORD

Children's Message

Anthem

Oh Happy Day

Mark Hayes

Oh happy day,

He taught me how, to

Oh happy day,

When Jesus washed,

watch,

When Jesus washed,

He washed my sins away.

Watch and pray,

My sins away.

And live rejoicing ev'ry
day.

The first reading is from Acts, chapter 10

³⁴ Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The second reading is from Colossians, chapter 3

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

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (verses 1 & 2) #367

The Gospel for today comes from Matthew, chapter 28

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his

feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn This Joyful Eastertide #391

Prayers of the Church

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.

Peace

MEAL

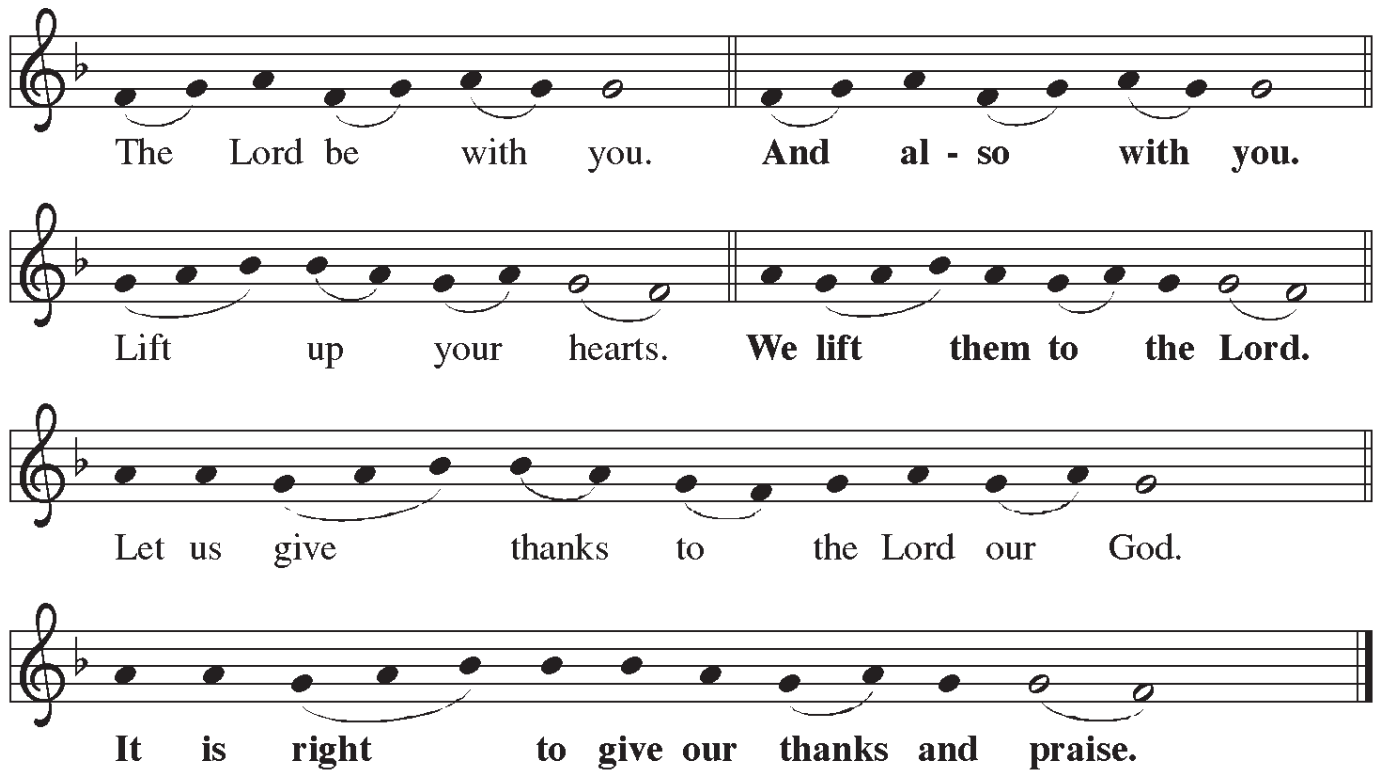
Offering
Pacibells Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *arr. Mitchell Eithun*

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



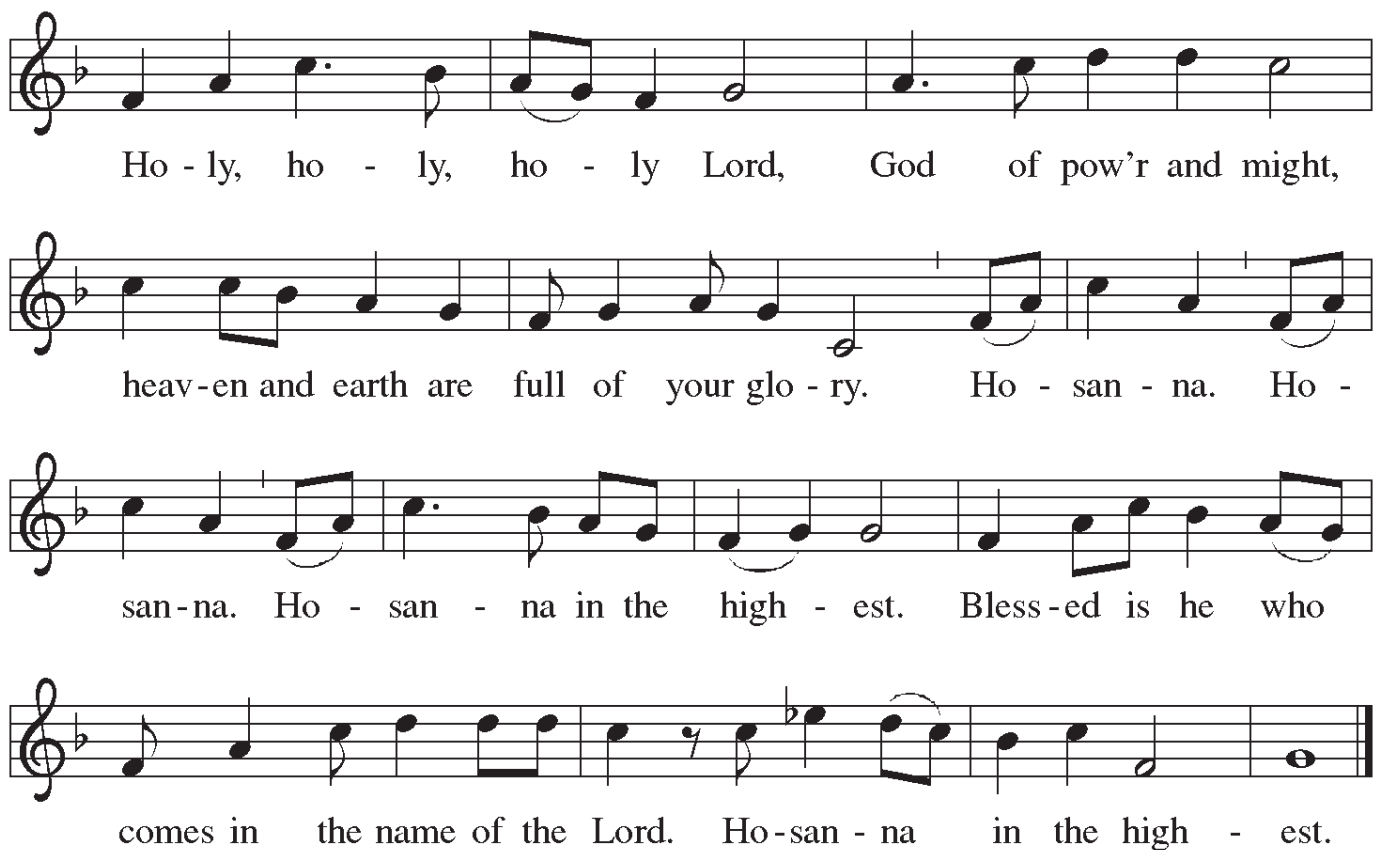
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

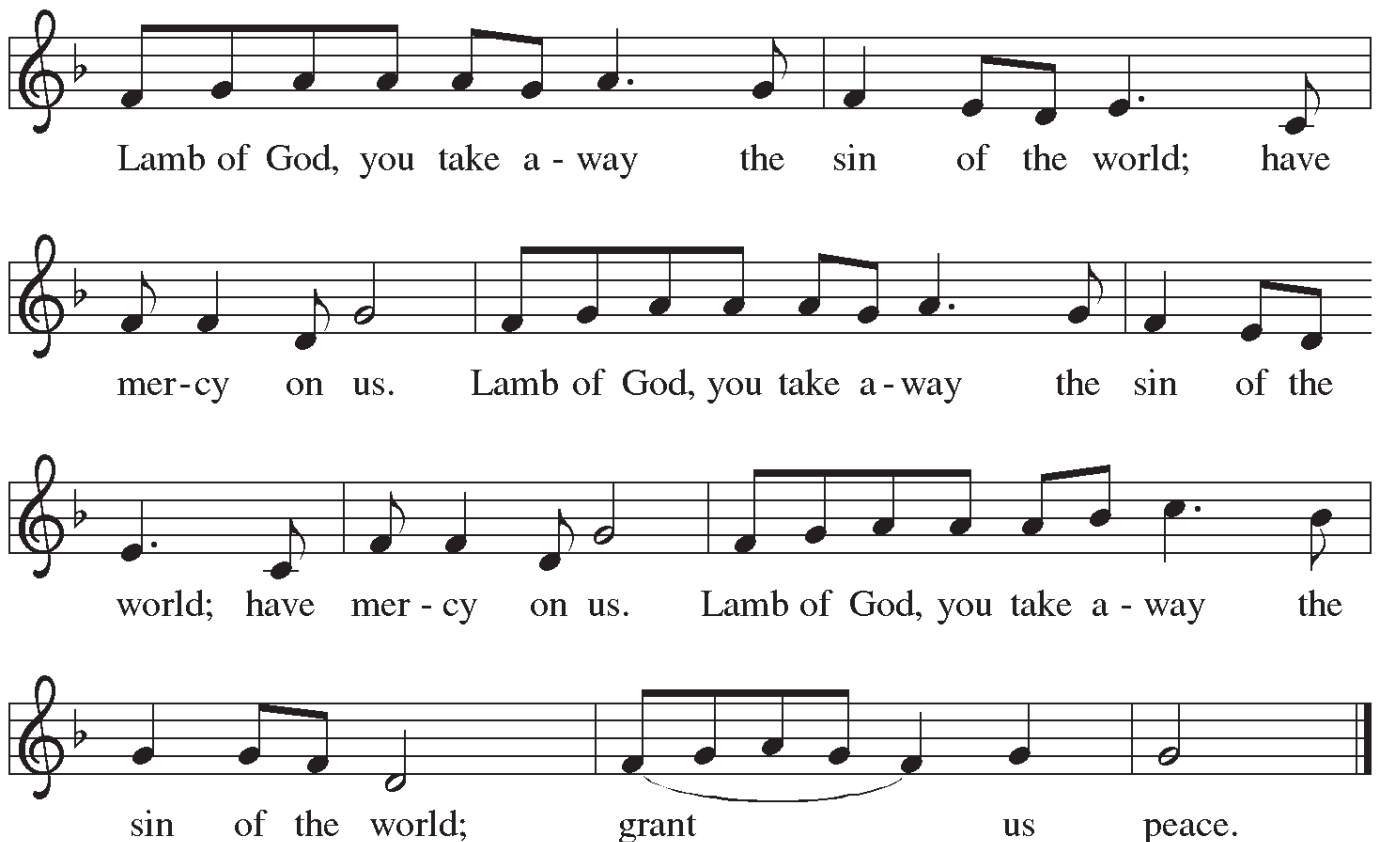
Eucharistic Prayer

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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.

Prayer After Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah

George Frederick Handel

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,
and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords.

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

Hallelujah!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

The Trumpet Shall Sound

Handel/Hopson



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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, arr. Mitchell Eithun c. 2021 Ring Out! Press

Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Arthur Grothe

Reader: Quinn Ram

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Micah Bland

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Brass Group

Olivia Lafler: trumpet

Hayden Smith: trumpet

Matt Fitzgerald: trombone

Ava Hurst: trombone

Andrew Reid: timpani

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (5th)

Easter Sunday

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Scouts – 6pm

TUESDAY

Prayer Group – 11am

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 9am

Text Study – 12noon

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (12th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Scouts, Brighter than Sunshine, ECWiT, Theater Guild

Memorials

Betty Gertner, Elaine Mann, and James & Cynthia Scranton gave in memory of Amy Benson.

Richard & Noreen Bartosh, Elaine Berg, Robert & Teresie Boernke, Corrie Boon, Carla & Gilbert Brandrup, John & Nancee Burbank, Pamela Burrows, Connie Felton, Richard & Lynette Finstad, Joni Franson, Roxanne Gehring, Jane Gobler, Steven & Louie Holm, Thomas & Kaylene Karker, Katherine Knudsen, Jackie & John Krumenauer, Stephen Mitzuk, Laurie Mount, Peter & Barbara Nelson, Astrid Nilsen, R. Rodney & Charlotte Pakonen, Joe, Gloria, & Charney Petroske, Roger & Shirley Shepler, Tammy Tannler, Marjorie Tyler, Norbert & Helen Wurtzel, and Ken & Lynne Ziehr gave in memory of Jim Page.

Easter Flowers Given in 2026

- ☺ Jan Adams gave in memory of Betty & Gil Murphy and Vi & Mark Adams.
- ☺ Betty Baribeau gave in memory of Jim Baribeau, Jane Panzer Syverson, & Richard Panzer, and in honor of Mary Panzer Tharp & John Panzer.
- ☺ Karen & KC Benson gave in memory of their mother & mother-in-law.
- ☺ Joni Franson gave in memory of Ronny Franson.
- ☺ Roxanne Gehring gave in memory of her husband Dave Gehring and in honor of her children and grandchildren (new arrival Wilder Matthew Leey).
- ☺ Wilma Hovland gave in memory of David Hovland.
- ☺ Pete Lokken gave in memory of Al & Julie Lokken and Pam & Bob Lokken/Omen.
- ☺ Roger & Diane Pomplun gave in honor of their grandchildren (and Noah's 3rd birthday).
- ☺ Jodi Schleusner, Emily, Jacob and Alli gave in memory of her dad, Jim Page.
- ☺ Stephanie & Nathaniel Swenson gave in memory of Nancy Celoni and Johanna Johnson.
- ☺ Ken & Lynne Ziehr gave in honor of their grandkids.

2026 FREE Foot and Nail Care Clinics

CLINIC DATES AND TIME		REGISTRATION BEGINS
MON April 13	3-4 p.m.	MONDAY March 30 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS April 14-16	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
FRI April 17	7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	
MON Oct. 12	3-4 p.m.	MONDAY Sept. 28 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS Oct. 13-15	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
FRI Oct. 16	7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED: 715-836-3636 — *the services are free.*

LOCATION: Grace Lutheran Church | 202 W. Grand Ave. | Eau Claire

Diabetic clients and individuals with difficult foot and nail care issues are encouraged to attend. Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a certification program. The clinic will be supervised by a nurse practitioner certified in foot and nail care.

University of Wisconsin
Eau Claire

Continuing Education

For more information please visit: uwec.ly/footnail1



HANDBELL CONCERT

Area handbell ringers will present a concert including massed choir and solo choir pieces on April 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Spirit Lutheran Church.

As always, this concert is FREE and open to the public.

Come and enjoy a variety of musical styles by our talented musicians. They appreciate your support.

Saturday, April 18 – 2:00 pm

SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH

1310 Main St ■ Eau Claire



Endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America

Confident Dementia Caregiver Monthly Series 2026

Knowledge and skills to help you care for those with dementia



Tuesdays, April - August, 2026

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
1314 E. Lexington Blvd, Eau Claire

April 28

The Harm in Doing NOTHING When Memory Loss,
Dementia Symptoms or Diagnosis are Present

May 26

Caring for Dementia:
Understanding Behavior as Communication

June 30

Let's Go Upstream:
Preventing and Preparing for Emergencies and Crisis

July 28

Creating a Dementia-Friendly Home

August 25

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Presented by:



LISA WELLS, MA

Dementia Care Specialist
Aging and Disability Resource Center
of Eau Claire County



Margaret Hunstad's Birthday

Let's shower Margaret Hunstad with birthday cards April 6 for her 99th birthday! Send a card, call her, send an email. She will enjoy every connection. Her address: Margaret Hunstad 286 N Wilson Dr Rm B243 Altoona WI 54720. Phone to her room: 715-598-7918 Email: mlhunstad@yahoo.com

New Members

We will be receiving New Members in April. If you are interested in joining Grace, please talk to the pastor.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: info@grace-church.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: pastorphil@grace-church.org



Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> Bulletins may also be found on the same page.

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713