

HE IS RISEN!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER 2025| 7:00 & 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; All liturgy & hymns are from the red hymnal)

L=Leader / C=Congregation

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PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude for quiet reflection and preparing for worship

WELCOMING WORD *Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here but has risen!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

+Hymn # 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C - Amen.

L - Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with

the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C - Amen.

GREETING

L: 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.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 *"This is the feast..."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God,

C: we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS - Praise Team

"Celebrate Jesus" (9:00 a.m.)

"To Be Alive"

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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.”

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

BELL CHOIR - Hosanna Loud Hosanna

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 16

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter

got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+All (sung response): Praise to you, O Christ

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (9am)*
Organ Barb Underwood

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+**HYMN #376** *Thine Is the Glory*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EASTER MORNING

We believe in the God who brought immortality to life
in the gospel of Christ Jesus.

We believe in the Christ who brought faith in a loving
Creator to life in the gospel of resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who brought hope in ourselves
to life in the gospel of boundless renewal.

We believe in grace that is stronger than evil,
in mercy that is larger than suffering,
and in joy that is greater than death.

Christ is risen! *Christ is risen indeed!*

OFFERING – Bell Choir *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

OFFERTORY - #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

OFFERING PRAYER: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

MEAL

+The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

+Words of Institution

+ The Lord's Prayer pg. 145 (right hand column)

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: #380 *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C: Amen

+HYMN #365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

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please fill out the visitor cards in the pew pads
which are passed during offering.*

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. A Song of Victory

Tuesday, Colossians 3:12-17, The New Life in Christ

Wednesday, Matthew 28:1-10, Easter Morning

Thursday, Psalm 16, Song of Trust

Friday, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Resurrection of Christ

Saturday, John 20:11-20, Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

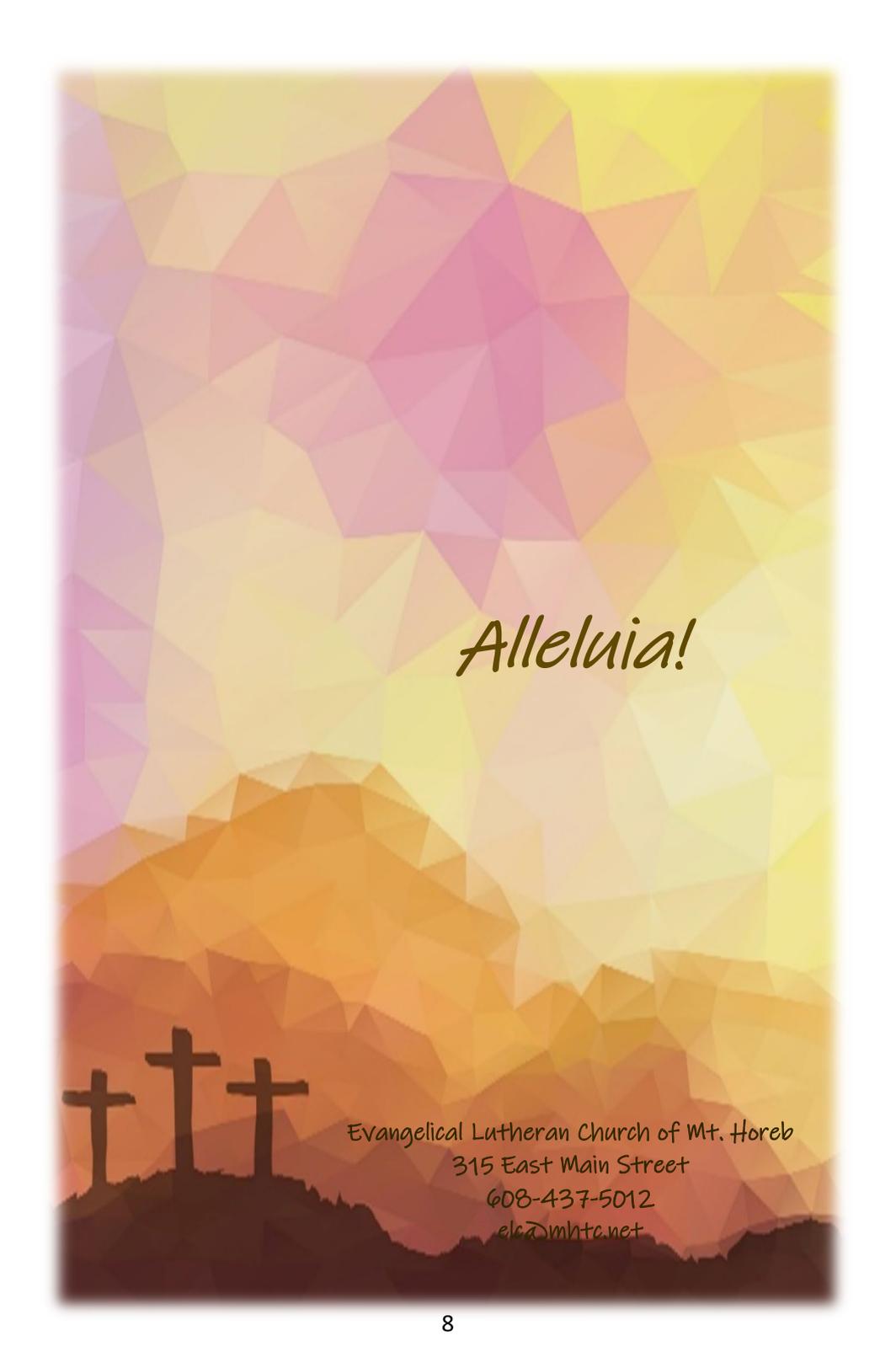
**“But these words seemed to them an idle tale,
and they did not believe them.” - Luke 24:11**

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

- What does it take to prove something to you, to convince you that something is true or believable? (Luke 24:11)
- In a world saturated with messages, how can we best cut through the clutter with the good news? (Acts 10:36)
- Today is a good day to thank God for ... (Ps 118:1)

PRAY: 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.

BLESS: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace.



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