

Christ is
Risen!



WELCOME

Welcome Guests!

- **By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise, worship, and service.** Thank you for blessing us with your presence! We don't pretend to be perfect, but we believe that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through one another.
- **If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.** There's no judgement.
- **We'd love the opportunity to get to know you better.** Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed. You may also fill out our guest register at www.hosannatogether.org/guest.

Welcome Kids!

We love kids just as God made them, so we don't expect them to be any different here. They are part of our worship, and we have extra-special ways for them to participate:

- **Children's bulletins** with activities related to today's lessons are located by the front doors to the building where you enter the worship space.
- **Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books** are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies moving during worship.
- **We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs**, even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- Kids are invited to the front for a **special message for them** from the pastor.
- **During the offering, kids may place their gifts in the clear container at the front.** Their gifts are used to help others in our community and the world in a way that's easy to see.
- **Kids take responsibility for offering God's blessing at the end of worship.** Even if they don't know the words, standing there with a smile is all they need to show God's love.
- **Changing stations** are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

We Value Neurodiversity

- **God has made us each differently, so we welcome and value people as they are.** Know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently.
- **We have a quiet sensory room off the front hallway.** You are welcome there if you feel overwhelmed or need a break from people. Please respect others needing the same.
- **We have noise-reducing headphones, weighted pads, wobble cushions, and chair fidget bands available in the sensory room.** You are welcome to use these in worship and anywhere else in the building if you'd find them helpful. Feel free to experiment.
- **Learn more about neurodiversity** at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.

Prayers

- **Good and bad things happen.** If you'd like us to pray for you or someone you know, add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- **We care about you**, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

Hosanna! Lutheran Church

April 20, 2025

PRELUDE

Were You There

ELW #353

Sung by Chris Marple

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We are gathered together in the presence of God--
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW #365

Chris Heil, trumpet



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is risen, and
that is GOOD NEWS
for us! We are
forgiven our failings.
We are free from the
finality of death.
And so we rejoice.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia
(or Halleluiah) is
a Hebrew word
that means
"Praise the Lord!"

WELCOME

Christians have been
using this greeting
on Easter morning
for centuries. We
join with the faithful
gone before us in
proclaiming Christ's
victory over death.

We name that
God is not dead--
God is alive and
with us today.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

With Alleluia's
breaking forth in
the middle of
sentences, we sing
of this Good News
with overwhelming,
uncontainable joy.

Based on a Latin text
from 14th century
Germany, this hymn
has been revised
throughout the
centuries. Verses 2-3
were originally:

Haste ye females
from your fright,
Take to Galilee your
flight. To his sad
disciples say, "Jesus
Christ is risen today."

In our Paschal joy and
feast, Let the Lord of
life be blest. Let the
Holy Trine be prais'd,
And thankful hears to
heaven be raised.

GREETING

These words from 2 Corinthians 13:14 are how the Apostle Paul greets Christians in the Greek city of Corinth.

They follow these words: "Finally, beloved, rejoice! Strive for restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We share this specific prayer with people throughout the world, churches from different denominations, and with the faithful who have been praying it for generations on Easter Sunday.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gathered by God's Holy Spirit, we listen to God's voice through scripture.

This Word is more than mere words. We hear more than what God did long ago. God speaks to us NOW through this Word, revealing God's will and promise for our lives.

ISAIAH 65:17-25

God promises new life. Weeping will no longer be necessary, life will be abundant, and all things will be at peace.

These things may be hard to see at times, but a closer look reveals buds of new life in, among, and around us.

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

God of mercy, 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"This is the Day"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

- ¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more
shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall
eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,

This is the Good News of our Lord!
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We treat the upcoming Gospel as Good News, singing God's praises. We pray that God's Word in the flesh will change us and stir us to new life.

LUKE 24:1-12

Women among Jesus' followers go to the tomb with embalming spices, a tradition of this time.

After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic messengers, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

Luke does not attempt to describe the resurrection itself, requiring faith by the listeners that is based on their lived experience with God.

The Greek word for "remember" does not just involve recalling something forgotten, but one's lived experience *coming alive* again (it is "re-membered") in the present moment.

SERMON

The sermon isn't a lesson or lecture on the scripture, but the preacher painting a picture of the world around us in such a way that we see our living God present and active all around us.

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

Paul Zeller Strodach wrote this Easter hymn in 1958 for the "new" Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal (the old red hymn book).

He began as a pastor in the eastern U.S. and was instrumental in developing Lutheran hymnals as we know them today.

PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS

Did you know that this phrase comes from worship?

An organist pulls out the stops (the round knobs on the organ console) to select which pipes to play.

On festival days like today, organists may literally "pull out all the stops," causing our bodies and creation around us to vibrate with songs of praise.

Sound from an organ can be pretty powerful, so musicians also have to be careful not to break any windows with their joyousness!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
Music: L'ASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends:
Lord of Life,
Hear our 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.**

OFFERING

*Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you.
Place in the offering plate.*

*If you give electronically, you may place an e-giving card in the offering
plate as a physical gesture of your giving.*

You may give online using a bank account, credit card,
or debit card at www.hosannatogether.org/give.

You may give by sending a text with your gift amount
to 816-327-2002. Instructions will be sent in a reply.

Cash and check gifts may be placed in an envelope
from the chair racks and placed in the offering plates.



**Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship
space to support Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri.**

LFCS supports babies, toddlers, and their parents who need a little extra
support throughout early childhood with home visits, assessments,
counseling, and education. They also offer adoption services and youth
counseling. Learn more at <https://lfcsmo.org>.

Kids and teens of all ages are welcome to contribute!

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Crown Him the Lord of Life"

by Lloyd Larson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the
specific needs of the
church, the world,
and all people that
are moving us today.

Rather than a litany
of depressing things,
we pray these prayers
because we care, and
because we believe
that God does, too.

LORD'S PRAYER

When Jesus' disciples
asked him how to
pray, he taught them
this prayer. We pray
it whenever we
gather because we
trust it contains
everything God
knows that we need.

OFFERING

Doing the work of
God takes time,
talents, and in our
world today, it takes
financial backing.

Our financial support
of God's mission in
our community
allows our staff to
dedicate their time to
leading our ministry
and supporting
people. It pays for
the space and
resources to do our
work together. It
purchases the tools
we offer to help us all
grow in faith and life.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Our kids have a
special offering! By
giving to a specific
cause (which
changes seasonally),
they make a
difference and learn
the joy of being
generous at a
young age.

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Many of us grew up singing a song of abundance as the offering was brought forward. We resume this tradition this Easter Season.

These words recall themes from scripture of bearing fruit. It reminds us that everything we have comes from God.

In addition to offering our finances to God, we offer our hopes, dreams, prayers, and work to God's service.

We trust God to grow them and use them to literally and figuratively feed the world.

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Expressing gratitude is not just a prayer, but an attitude.

Through dialogue, we invite each other to this thankful disposition, to name it out loud, and give praise to the God who gives us so much.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The thanksgiving continues . . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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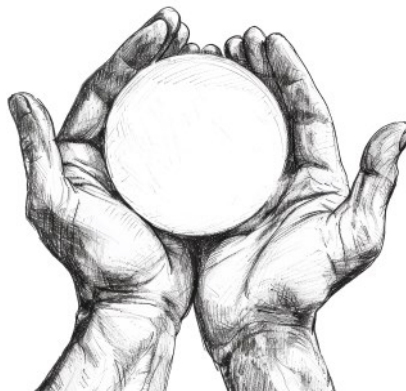
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.*

*After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love.
Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.*

Do this
in remembrance
of me.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

This song begins by repeating the word "holy," as the seraphs did when they shook the temple and confirmed God's power and majesty to the prophet Isaiah at his calling.

Then, we repeat the words from the procession of palms, singing the word "Hosanna," which in Hebrew means, "Lord, save us."

In this meal we encounter God almighty, who sees our need and comes near to rescue us with grace and love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We hear again the life-giving words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We believe God is truly present in the bread and wine, not by magic, but because God promises to be with us at this time.

A child stands in the center to remind you the simple message behind this gift: YOU are loved by God. You receive what God promises: forgiveness, new life, nourishment for daily living and God's never-failing presence.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LAMB OF GOD

We connect this meal with the Passover meal. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb who mercifully takes away our sin so that we might be at peace.

We repeat our appeal for mercy and peace several times to help us focus and let that prayer settle into our hearts and minds.

"Lamb of God"

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace;
 4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:
 have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
 grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

This hymn of joy and gratitude for God's intervention in one's life resonated with the experience of American slaves.

The expression of relief and joy was a common experience of African American slaves whenever they gathered for worship. It was the one time each week that felt truly free and could make their voices heard.

Although sung in various forms since the 1800s, this African American spiritual was only first published in a hymnal in 1981.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa-tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa-tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou-ble, When I was in trou-ble,
 Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Sa-tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
 When I was in trou-ble,
 sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

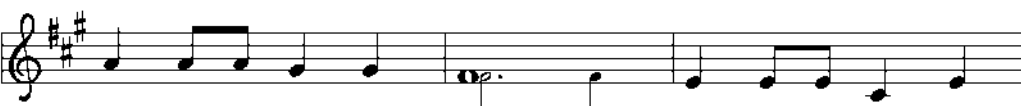
Leader or All




1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . cat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Sister Suzanne Toolan was teaching high school in 1964 when she wrote this song during her free period. When the bell rang for the next class she decided she didn't like the music, so tore it up and threw it in the waste basket.

Her classroom was next to the infirmary, where the girls who didn't want to take tests or were otherwise unprepared for class went until they were tracked down by an exasperated teacher.

When Sister Suzanne left her classroom, a freshman girl came out of the infirmary and said, "What was that? It was beautiful!" She went back, took the manuscript out of the trash and taped it together.

Sister Suzanne would later say: "I could never figure out how the hymn became popular . . .

But I think its popularity stems from its message of resurrection, which is so strong in these words of Jesus.

We so need that message of hope. I am always touched when people tell me that at the funeral of a mother, father or friend, these sung words of Jesus gave them consolation.

Then I know the hymn has done its work."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The meal is ended,
but what it provides
is lasting.

The pastor names
what receiving
Christ in this meal
accomplishes:
it strengthens us
and keeps us in his
grace throughout
the days ahead.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christ's body and
blood are inside of
us, but they are not
for us alone. We are
transformed into the
Body of Christ and
we carry his living
presence to others.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

We hear the blessing
of our God once
more through the
most hopeful among
us—our children.

This blessing is a
paraphrase of one
that Moses offered in
Numbers 6:24-26.

THINE IS THE GLORY

This hymn was
originally written in
French in 1884.

The tune is from
George Fredrich
Handel's oratorio
"Judas Maccabaeus,"
(similar to Handel's
"Messiah"). It comes
from the chorus,
"See, the conquering
hero comes."

Oddly enough, this
tune was originally
also used as the
melody for the hymn
"Christ the Lord
is Risen Today!"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, we give you thanks for bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Send us from this Holy Communion as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

The kids come forward to offer God's blessing and love to all:

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace. **Amen!**

SENDING SONG

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo. Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



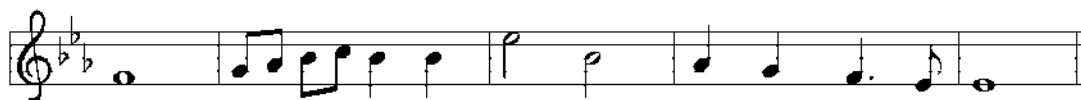
vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors.



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is risen!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna!

Video of today's service is recorded and livestreamed online at www.hosannatogether.org.

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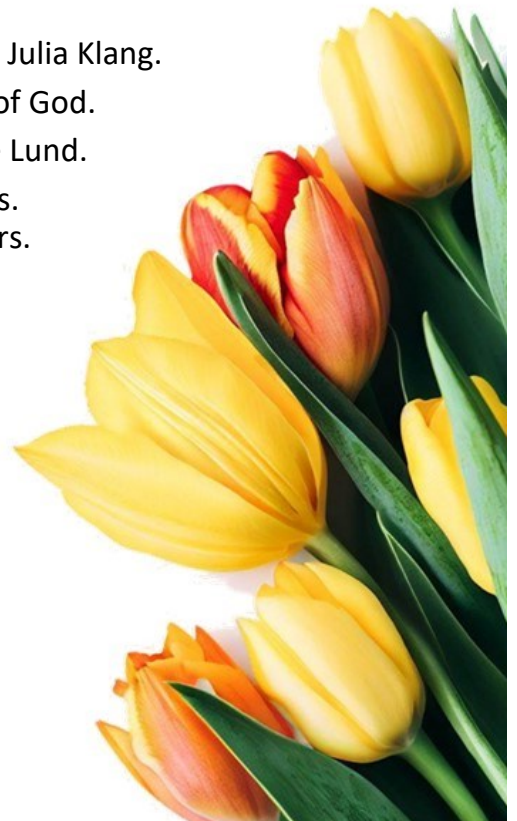
We are reminded that our praise does not end with the conclusion of the service, but continues on in the week ahead.

HOSANNA!

The people of Hosanna! Lutheran Church have ended worship this way from our very first gatherings.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Cerra Family	In memory of Edward & Marilyn Brown and Michael & Carolyn Arnone
Scott & Pam Schmidt	In memory of Jim Weber. In memory of Grandparents on both sides of Pam and Scott's families.
Mary & Brad Kunkel	In memory of our loved ones who live in the beauty of Heaven. For all of our blessings here on earth.
Karen Weber	In memory of all my family and friends who went home already. In memory of Jim Weber.
Marie & Don Summers	For our mothers - Delores Summers and Julia Klang.
Chuck & Sue Tonks	In memory of Betty Hucke. To the Glory of God.
Karen Orrill	In memory of my parents, Oscar and Alve Lund.
Leslie Long	In honor of parents Larry and Rose Adams. In memory of Friends and Family members.
Nancy Kunkel	In loving memory of Jeannine Clayton.
The Belcher Family	In memory of Grandpa Tom Martin.
Donna and Harold Mason	In memory of our parents.
Deb Warnex	In memory of Paul Warnex.
Jane Gibbs	In honor of Our Risen Lord.
Robbin Musgrave	In honor of loved ones.
Ann Woody	To the Glory of God.
Eleece Kaiser	Happy Easter.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Birthdays

Emma Reiser April 22
Diane Read April 26

Sympathies

Family of Alice April Meadows - infant of friend of Beth Schoening born 15 weeks early
Family and Friends of Vernon Karlsson (Karen Orrill's 102yr old uncle)
Family and Friends of Matt (husband of friend of Beth Schoening)

Concerns

Alena (Angelika Schmitt's daughter) upcoming surgery and general health concerns
Craig A Lantz - hospitalized/in rehab since April 3rd, asking for prayers for healing
Juniper Kapfer (Kali's partner) infection of stomach
Mardell Carlson (Scott Carlson's mother) recovering from brain surgery
Cliff Rockhold (Joey Rockhold's father) upcoming back surgery
Adrian & Kristin Hale (Mary & Brad's family) personal struggles
Stuart (husband of friend of Beth Schoening) moved to hospice care after recent cancer diagnosis
Andrea Breeze (coworker of Dan Prom) hospitalization
Bobbie (friend of Marjorie Yates) cancer
Bobbi Kral (friend of Bonny Grauerholz) diagnosed with cancer.
Roger Gonnerman (Jane Gibbs' brother) - cancer and other health concerns
Linda Beck (friend of Mary Kunkel) breast cancer
Mary Walters (friend of Mary Kunkel) lung cancer
Robbie Murta's daughter and son-in-law and their surrogate
All who are facing cancer
Ela (Angelika Schmitt's sister) general health concerns
Marion (Angelika Schmitt's sister) cancer diagnosis
Deb Bollhoefer (Russ Bollhoefer's sister) health concerns
Charlie Weber (Pam Schmidt's uncle) health concerns
Frances Jolayemi (Jeanine Stubb's sister) mental health recovery
Capt. Nathan Wilkerson (Marjorie Yates grandson) deployed to Middle East
Capt. Amanda Wilkerson (Nathan's wife) at home with baby Owen
Carm Bradley (friend of Bonny Grauerholz) diagnosed with a brain tumor

Upcoming Faith Formation Calendar:

We join to grow in faith each week after worship, 10:45-11:30.

- **April 20** - No Faith Formation - It's Easter!
- **April 27** - Connect Week
- **May 4** - Kids Crews, Confirmation, Adult Study
- **May 11** - Service Project Week

First Communion Invitation

Each year, we provide opportunities for children who aren't communing to learn about this special meal and to receive their First Communion. If your child would like to participate this spring, please speak with Pastor Mike or e-mail pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org **by Easter Sunday**. Hosanna! does not have an age requirement for First Communion, but rather entrusts children and families to know when the time is right for them. If you would like help determining if that time is now, speak with Pastor Mike.

Our Children's Offering Makes a Difference

Thank you to all the kids who give offerings during worship! Since Christmas, they have given \$315.24 that will support the work of The Sewing Labs (thesewinglabs.org) to teach the legacy of sewing for employment, entrepreneurship, and enrichment right here in Kansas City.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, the kids' offerings will support babies, toddlers, and their parents who need a little extra support through Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri. Kids also received bottle coin banks on Sunday from LFCS. They are invited to gather change or earn extra money over the spring and summer to donate in addition to their offerings. We'll collect the bottles on back-to-school Sunday in the fall.

Did You Grow Your Heart?

At the beginning of Lent, we sent home a challenge with kids to grow their hearts this season. Bring back your completed tracking sheet (or a phone picture of it) to show Pastor Mike on Sunday, April 27 or May 4 for a special prize. If you missed a bunch of days, you are welcome to use the two weeks after Easter to catch up!

In As Much Ministry

The following items are the most urgent needs for the clients:

Canned fruit (Mandarin oranges, pineapple, peaches), Sloppy Joe Sauce, Rice sides, Pasta sides, Cream of mushroom soup, Ketchup, Graham crackers, Dry pasta, Sugar, Canned chicken, Brownie mix. Please place the items in the red wagon by the fellowship doors. Thank you for your continued support.

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Sabbatical Plans Coming Together

The Sabbatical Planning Committee is excited to share updates and details...

Pastoral leadership is being finalized. Pastor Jealaine Marple has agreed to provide pastoral care and Pastor John Kreidler will provide administrative leadership. We're scheduling three pastors to lead worship for three weeks each, bringing different perspectives and styles to our worship.

Save the Date for these Summer Events

We know that summers fill up quickly with camps, travel, family gatherings, and other events. Please put these dates on your calendar now:

- **Rachel Kurtz Singer in Residence** - *Saturday, June 21* - Inspirational Christian singer Rachel Kurtz will lead a Saturday morning parent workshop, afternoon youth retreat for middle and high school youth of Hosanna! and surrounding congregations, and an evening concert open to the entire community. Rachel will also offer music and inspiration during worship on Sunday morning.
- **Vacation Bible School** - *Wednesday-Friday, July 9-11* - We'll gather each evening for a meal, vacation Bible school for kids, and an adult study. Kids will also share their music during worship on July 13.
- **Royals Baseball Game** - *To be determined* - Join your Hosanna! family for a night at the ballpark.
- **Other activities are being planned.**

While a sabbatical is something new to the members of Hosanna, the planning committee is excited to give Pastor Mike the time to renew himself, and we as a congregation to renew ourselves. Please reach out to a sabbatical planning committee member with questions, suggestions, or willingness to help lead activities or events: Beth Schoening, John Kreidler, Tony Belcher, Karen Orrill, Angelika Schmitt, Chuck Tonks, and Pastor Mike

Help Fund Our Sabbatical

During sabbatical, Pastor Mike isn't just taking vacation and Hosanna! isn't sitting idle. We have plans! However, pastoral supply, our activity costs (VBS, singer in residence, and more), and continuing education aren't free. We are funding our sabbatical through a combination of RaiseRight proceeds, Thrivent Action Teams, a memorial gift designated to music ministry, Pastor's Mike's continuing education fund, our ERC Grant, and our general funds, but we would like to do a little more fundraising to minimize the impact on our operating budget. We have a little over \$10,000 already accounted for, and would like to raise another \$3,500. If you would like to support Pastor Mike and the congregation in our renewal activities, please consider making a donation of any amount. Please label gifts made through the offering plate or online at hosannatogether.org/give designated to "Sabbatical." If you have questions, please speak to one of our Sabbatical Team members or Pastor Mike. Thank you for your support!

Update on Church Land

Hosanna! and Chalky Mountain Gymnastics are still pursuing a plan to sell part of our undeveloped land to them. A Kansas City mapping discrepancy has led to a complicated and exhausting process, but we are pleased to report that all the documentation (including land surveys) has been submitted to KCMO for approval. We hope to receive confirmation within a few weeks that we can proceed with de-annexation from KCMO and annexation to Liberty, putting all our property in the same municipality. Although we've received verbal agreement from both cities, it will take 4-8 weeks to formalize that transfer once submitted. Once completed, we can finalize terms with Chalky Mountain.

Earn 5% for Hosanna! When Dining Local

Hosanna! has received a lot of funding for ministry by members purchasing and using RaiseRight gift cards. **A new feature allows you to support Hosanna! when you eat at select local restaurants--without gift cards.** Here's how:

1. Tap the Local Dining icon in the bottom navigation menu of the RaiseRight app and follow the instructions to link a credit or debit card specifically for local dining.
2. Search for participating local restaurants in the app. Nearby participants include Minsky's, Sorella's, 54th Street Grill, Tropical Smoothie, Pizza Shoppe, and many more.
3. Pay with your linked card at the listed restaurants. No gift card or use of the app is needed.
4. You pay the same amount, but Hosanna! automatically receives a donation equal to 5% of your bill.

Learn more in the app or at
<https://www.raiseright.com/how-it-works/local-dining>.

Planning summer travel? Book travel using RaiseRight gifts cards for Southwest, Delta, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Celebrity, Princess, Holland America, and Disney. Pay for lodging with AirBNB, Marriot, Hotels.com, Best Western, Hilton, Fairfield, Hampton Inn, Sheraton, and Holiday Inn gift cards. Many common gas stations and fast food restaurants are also available! 3%-15% of your expenses will be donated to Hosanna! at no extra cost to you. If you haven't started yet, learn how at www.hosannatogether.org/shopping.

Attention Women of the ELCA!

Count down to Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA convention! In little over two months the Women of the ELCA will gather at the Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO for our 36th convention. Below are the highlights:

When: June 20th - 22nd

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO

Theme: Vessels of God's Grace

Registration Deadline: June 13th

If you would like further information, please see the Women of the ELCA Bulletin Board.

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Diaper Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated diapers for Lutheran Family and Children's Services. They will be given to families in need as LFCS staff offer parenting and mental health services to families with young children in the KC area.



Peep Diorama Contest Winners

Congratulations to Maddie and Haven Riles, our Biblical peep diorama contest youth winners, and their parents, Tyler and Jessica, who won the adult division.

Send Us Your Picture!

People are important! We're starting a board in the fellowship hall with pictures of everyone in our church family.

- Send us a relatively recent picture of each individual in your household, plus one of your whole family (if you live with others).
- We'll print for the bulletin board and include them in a future printed directory.
- We'll take any picture you'd like to share. We don't need formal, posed pictures (but they are also welcome).
- Send pictures to cathy@hosannalutheranchurch.org. If you have a printed picture, leave it with Cathy or Pastor Mike to scan and we'll get it back to you.
- We'll include active friends of the congregation, so please send your picture even if you aren't an official member.

Hosanna! Day Fun

We had a lot of fun on Hosanna! Day eating, connecting, playing, finding eggs, sewing, and much more!



Serving in Worship this Week and Next

Please consider serving.

Sign up through Breeze or on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen window.

ROLES	APR 20	APR 27
ACOLYTE	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
ALTAR GUILD		Katharine Fairchild
AUDIO/VIDEO	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
BLESSER	Nora Belcher	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
	Morgan Kaiser	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kristin Belcher	Joyce Uber
	Joyce Uber	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
COUNTERS	Scott Schmidt	Scott Schmidt
	Leslie Long	Leslie Long
CRUCIFER	Luke Cerra	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
GREETERS/USHERS	Jeanine Stubbs	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
LECTOR	Alison Kern	Colton Marshal
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Easter Sunday	Charlyn Carlson



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