

## **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:**

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

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

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