

*“Peace  
be with you.  
As the  
Father  
has sent me,  
so I send you.”*

*John 20:21, NRSV*



# FAMILY OF GOD

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,  
Extending Christ's embrace"

The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12th, 2026  
9:30 am

*Today we worship with the liturgy from  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting three*

## Gather

Prelude

"With High Delight"

arr Michael Burkardt

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

**ELW 384**

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent : tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt  
 Music: European tune, adapt Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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Greeting

P: 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.**

*Refrain* § 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



\*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,

**C: may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Young Persons Message

Pastor Erin Koster

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## Word

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First Reading

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'<sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

P: <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

**C: I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

P: <sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the Godly that are in the land,

**C: Upon those who are noble among the people.**

P: <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods

**C: Shall have their troubles multiplied.**

P: <sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

**C: Never take their names upon my lips.**

P: <sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;

**C: It is you who uphold my lot.**

P: <sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

**C: indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

P: <sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**C: My heart teaches me night after night.**

P: <sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;

**C: Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P: <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

**C: My body also shall rest in hope.**

P: <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,

**C: Nor let your holy one see the pit.**

P: <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;

**C: In your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

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Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Erin Koster

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

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

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

## \*Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third**

day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*Prayers of The People**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Peace**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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# Holy Communion

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Offering

"Alleluia from Exultate, Jubilate"

W. A. Mozart  
Nicole Lang, flute

\*Offertory Response

"Be Not Afraid"

**ELW 388**

Sing 2 times

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

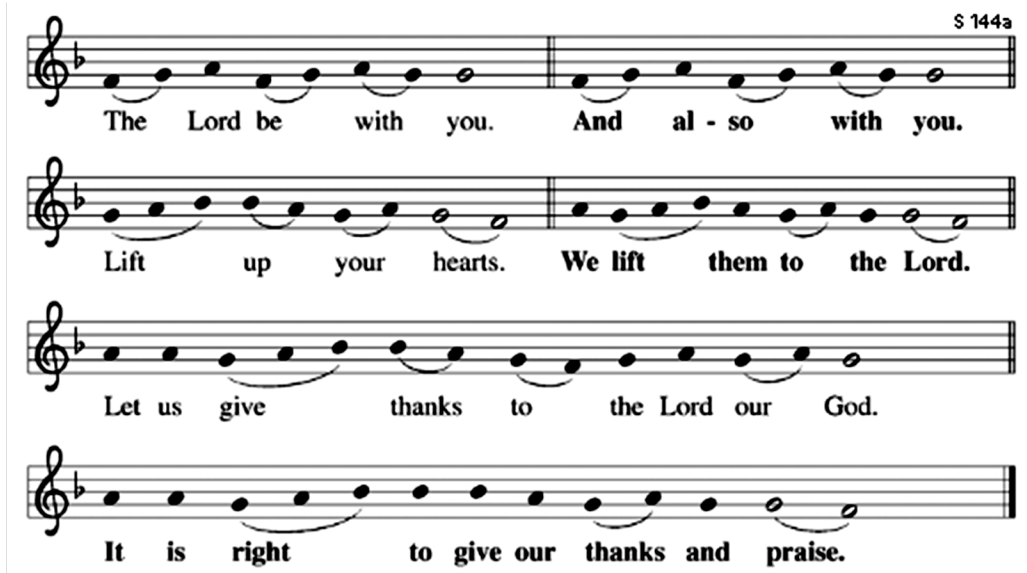
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\*Offertory Prayer

P: Risen Lord, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

\*Great Thanksgiving



S 144a

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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

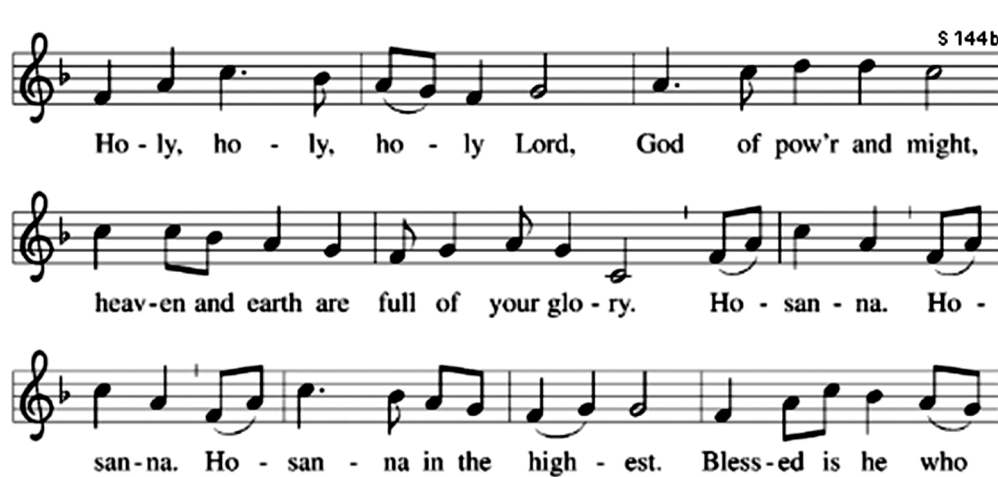
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a Great Thanksgiving. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and G major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The score is labeled 'S 144a' in the top right corner.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*Sanctus



S 144b

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

The image shows a musical score for a Sanctus. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and G major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has four measures, the second has four measures, and the third has four measures. The score is labeled 'S 144b' in the top right corner.

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

\*Words of Institution

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.

\*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

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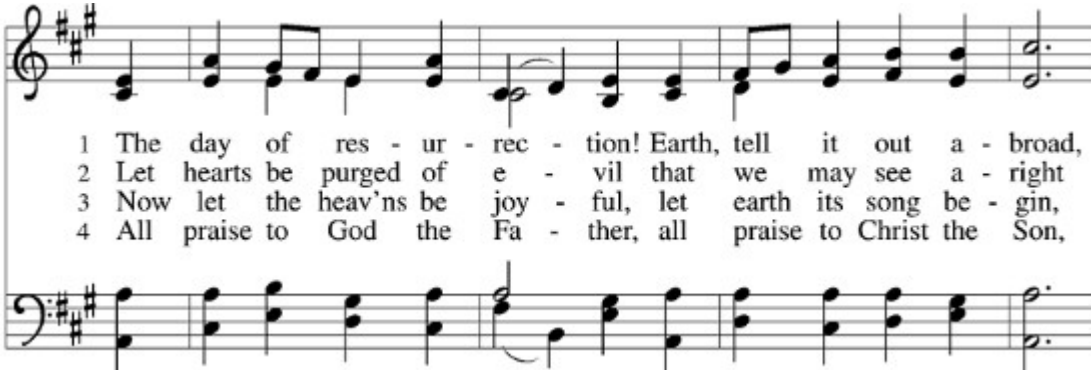
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

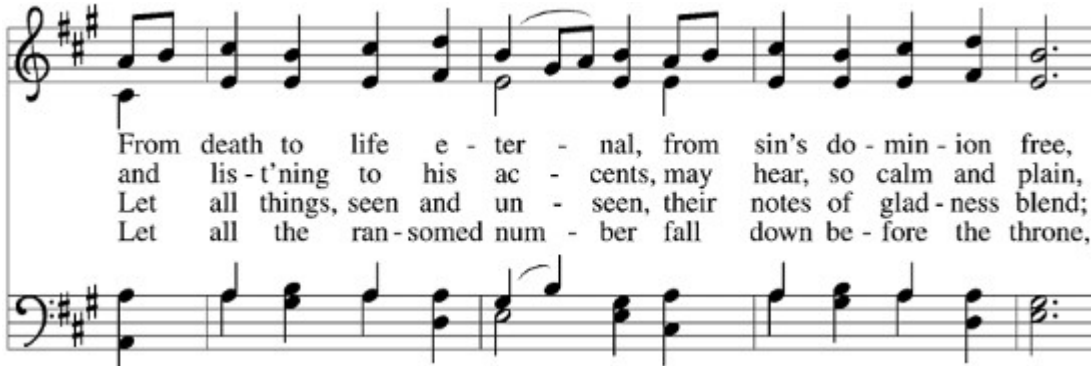
ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 606–c. 754; tr John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Manner Gesangbuche*, 1833

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## Sending

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Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?  
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.  
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.  
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

\*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

"The Day of Resurrection"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Today's Worship Participants**

Lector: Andrew Peterson

Nicole Lang, flute

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

Connie Anderson, for health concerns

Julie Johnson recovering from surgery

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR\***

Family of Chuck Baerg as they grieve

Rita Loos' twin Richard Harris and her sister Mary Swanson for health issues

Steve Page

Alan Aleckson, who is still recovering from surgery at home

\*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

## Announcements

**LeAnn Moe's Funeral** will be on Saturday, June 27th at 2 pm.

**Streaming** and viewing services are most easily accessed through our Facebook page.

**Family of God Memorial Garden**—We are now taking orders to create engraved pavers in memory of lost loved ones. Engraving specifications and cost are included on the order form. Forms are in the narthex and must be turned in to the church office by April 12th to be included in the May 17th dedication. See Joan Hermanson (763-229-5110) if you have any questions.

**New Member Class**—Those interested in joining our congregation please let the church office know. We will be holding an orientation on Sunday, April 19th at 11 am. New members will be received on Sunday, April 26th.

**Minnesota Twins** vs Houston Astros on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:40 pm. Tickets are \$52.

**The New Church Website** is coming along and we need pictures! If you have any *church related* pictures please send them to the admin email address.

**Vacation Bible Study** registration is now open! From Monday June 15 to Thursday June 18 we'll be going on a "Tropical Trek" There is no cost to sign up and it's open to all kids, from preschool age to middle school. Ask Pr. Erin if you have questions! You can register on our website.

**Social Ministry**—In April, we will be collecting for Champlin Park HS, The Shelf. They do not have room to store canned goods. Here is a list of their current needs:

- Clothing: Socks, variety of sizes, ankle or athletic in length. Black is preferred, white okay too
- Spices and pantry basics: salt, pepper, cumin, oregano, paprika, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, sugar, vegetable cooking oil, etc
- Hygiene: toothbrushes, large family-sized tubes of toothpaste. Shampoo/Conditioner
- Laundry Soap, pods, powder

**Rooted and Rising: Celebrating 40 Years** Join the National Lutheran Choir under Artistic Director Jennaya Robison for Rooted and Rising: Celebrating 40 Years of the National Lutheran Choir. This grand finale of the 40th anniversary season features collaboration with the renowned St. Olaf Choir led by Anton Armstrong and guest organist David Cherwien, former NLC Artistic Director. The program features works by J.S. Bach, F. Meilius Christiansen, Larry Fleming, David Cherwien, Earlene Rentz, and Jennaya Robison. A community ensemble of NLC alumni singers will join for the concert's conclusion.  
Date & Location:

2:00pm, Saturday, May 2, 2026  
Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th Street, Minneapolis 55404

Tickets at [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com)

Groups of 10 or more receive discounted tickets. Call 612-722-2301 for info on group rates.

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**The One-Act Play that GOES WRONG**

**Treat Bakers and Donators**

- Help by baking or purchasing treats to donate for the concessions.
- Drop off treats no later than a half hour prior to the performance.

Feel free to be creative with your treats to fit the "everything goes wrong theme"

Please pre-wrap or bag treats:

Bars: 12 out of a 9 x 13" pan

Cookies: 3 medium to a bag or 2 large to a bag

Snack Mix: approximately 1 cup to a bag

\*Please label if treats include any allergens

**Thank you for Volunteering!!!**

**See sign-up Poster in Narthex for details**



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