

Reception of Confirmands  
Jackson Froid  
Eponine Kring  
Laci Loseke  
Zander Sinsel

Communion  
Special music by  
Henry Schenker

Offertory  
Doxology UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication

**\*Benediction.**

One: From darkness and death, we find light and life.

**Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: From doubt and despair, we find faith and hope.

**Many: Christ is with us now! Shout for joy!**

One: From dead ends and overgrown paths, we find new beginnings and clear vistas.

**Many: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

Closing Hymn "He Lives" UMH 310

Postlude by Henry Schenker

**April 5-11, 2026**

**Sunday**

10:00am Worship—Happy Easter—Confirmation Sunday

**Monday**

7:00pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday**

Happy Birthday John Albers

**Wednesday**

9:30am United Women in Faith

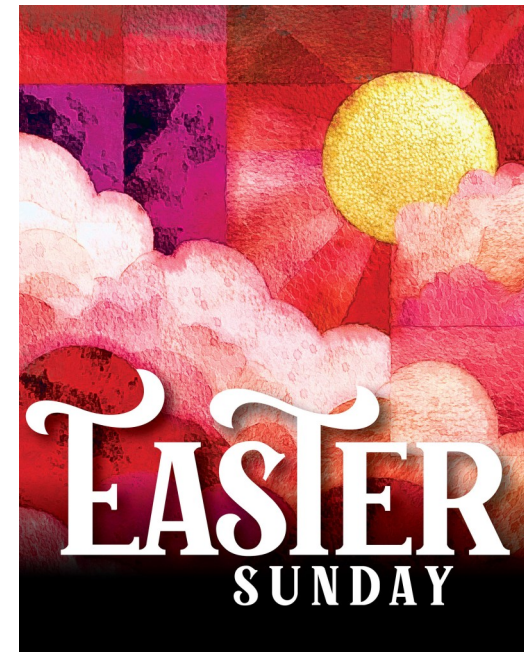
6:30pm Youth Group

**Thursday**

Happy Birthday Douglas Grams

**Friday**

**Saturday**



## ***United Methodist Church***

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**Order of Worship for April 5, 2026**

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**Prelude by Henry Schenker**

**Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements—Invocation**

1. April 8, 9:30am, United Women in Faith.
2. Wednesday Youth Group at 6:30pm.
3. The carts are in the lobby for food pantry collection. There is a list on the table of needed items.
4. Check Bulletin board by office for activities.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

## Opening Hymn

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH 302 vs. 1-4**

### \*Call to Worship

One: The night is far gone. There is dew on the grass.

**Many: We walk with Mary to the tomb.**

One: We weep with Mary, for all hope seems lost.

**Many: The stone is rolled back. Only his grave clothes remain.**

One: A flicker of hope ignites the soul... wavering in the wind... challenging the triumph of darkness.

**Many: Yet, surely there is no cheating death?**

One: Out of the shadows of the tomb, the light of Christ shines forth in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

**Many: In the depths of our souls, the light of Christ brings us back to the land of the living.**

One: As the light of Christ dawns, we find that we are not alone.

**Many: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.**

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Young Disciple’s Lesson “Where Children Belong”

### Prayer Hymn

**“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH 304**

## Joys and Concerns

### Silent Prayer of Confession

### Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

### Preparatory Hymn

**“Up From the Grave He Arose” UMH 322**

### Scripture Proclamation: John 20:1-18 read by Laci Loseke

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn’t go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus’ head. It wasn’t with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn’t yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She replied, “They have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they’ve put him.” As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabbouni” (which means *Teacher*). Jesus said to her, “Don’t hold on to me, for I haven’t yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, ‘I’m going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, “I’ve seen the Lord.” Then she told them what he said to her.

The Word of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon “Risking Hope” by Pastor Kayla Mangrich**

