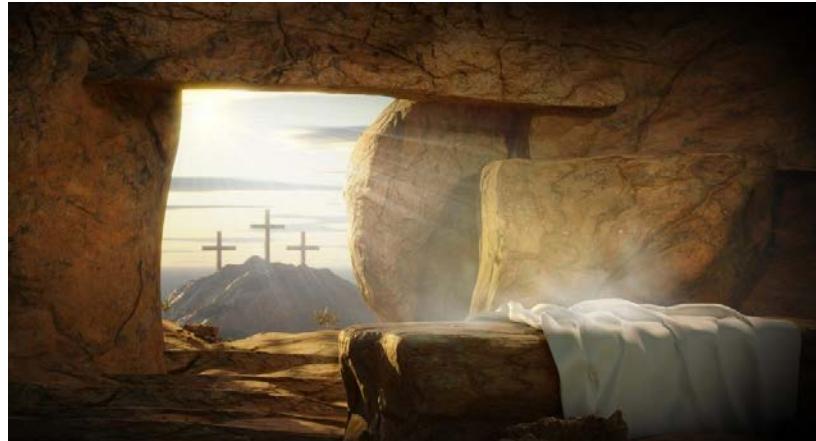


Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship



Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC

Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Welcome to our festive observance of the Resurrection of our Lord! Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, but Easter especially so. May God's Spirit bring anew to you the glorious Gospel message:

Christ is Risen!

The Risen Christ invites us to taste His victory in the sacramental meal this morning: "... *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*" Those desiring to celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament, please come down the center aisle at the time for distribution. Ushers will assist you.

We are glad that we can all worship together. We look forward to being helpful to each other as God gives us the opportunity.

OUR EASTER OFFERING

Our special Easter Offering is for our world-wide ministry through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: missions at home and abroad, colleges, seminaries, charities and institutions, social services, world relief, and more.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help yourself to a flower as you leave today. Flowers are at the front of the sanctuary, around the cross in the narthex, and in the “begonia cross,” which may or may not actually be begonias.



We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God's boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ *The People of Como Park Lutheran Church*

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR

will immediately follow the service.

Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in the Narthex.

This service will be broadcast live on YouTube
and recorded for later viewing.
www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✖ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Deus in Adjutorium

Monteverdi, arr. Dixon

Accent Brass

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He is risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.

†KYRIE

ELW pg. 193-194



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



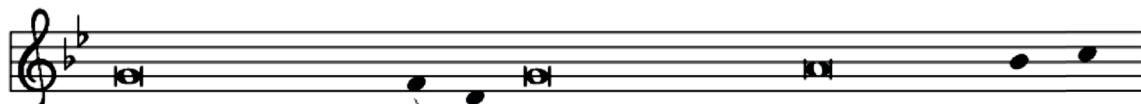
Lord, have mer - cy.



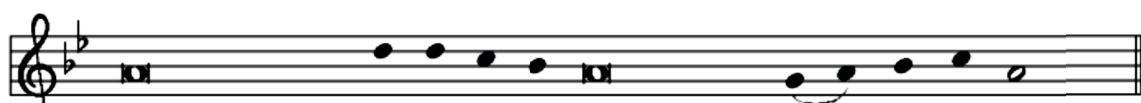
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



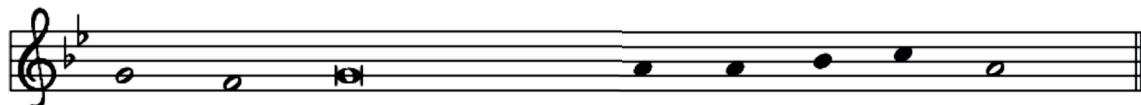
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

⌘GLORY TO GOD

ELW pg. 195-196

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

⌘PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let Israel | now declare,**
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

**¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

**²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✖GOSPEL VERSE

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Linda Cable Schute

CPLChoir

✖GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the Twenty-fourth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

David Person

SERMON

Pastor Martin Ericson

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day of Resurrection

ELW 361

APOSTLES' CREED

Standing together, let us confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

⌘PRAYERS

... Lord, in your mercy,
... **hear our prayer.**

⌘THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Easter Anthem

William Billings

Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to www.ComoParkLutheran.org and clicking on the "donate" button. You may also use the giving kiosk in the narthex located by the staircase.

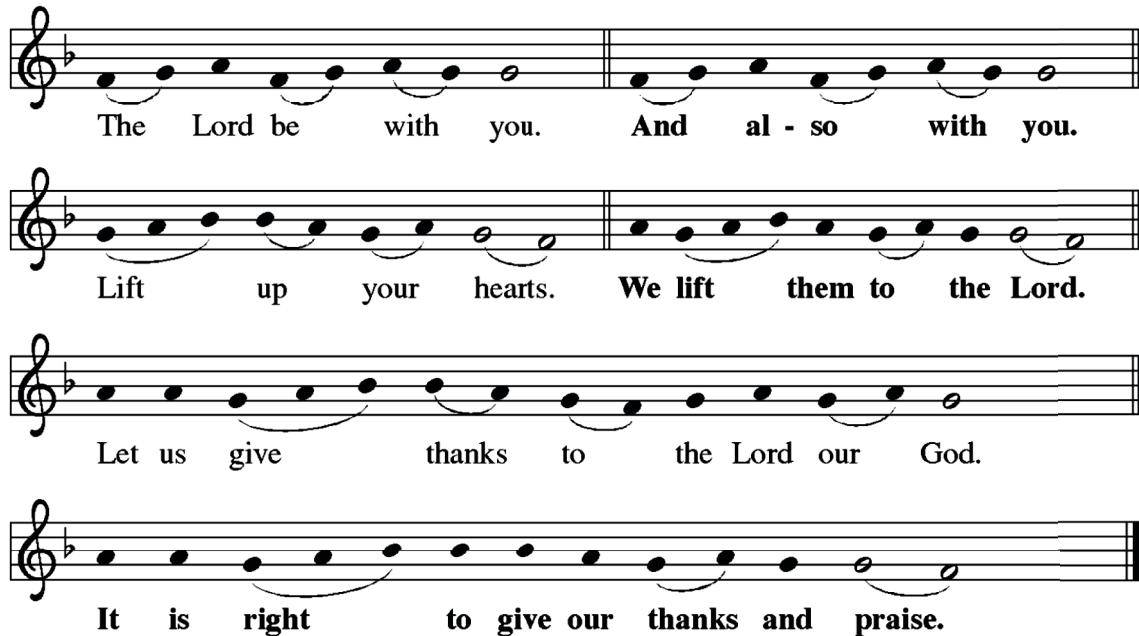


⌘OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

⌘THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each phrase aligned with its corresponding musical line. The lyrics are:

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.

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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Isaiah 6:3)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

❖WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

❖THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server “gluten-free.” Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 146

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

⌘POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

⌘POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

⌘BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

⌘CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW 369

⌘DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

My Spirit Be Joyful

J.S. Bach, arr. by Herforth

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EASTER FLOWERS

have been placed in our sanctuary in gratitude to God
for the blessing of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and:

In memory of **Patrick & other family members** from the Fischer family
In memory of **Mary Klante & Blanche Cain** from Loved Ones
In memory of **Bob Johnson** from Pat Johnson
In memory of **Stan & Ada Garvin, Stan Garvin Jr., Elizabeth Dempsey, James & Bernadine Kmetz** from Dan Garvin & Debbie Kmetz
In memory of **Clarence & Marietta Harris** from David Harris
In memory of **David Hurtt, Beloved Dad & Grandpa** from the Wegner family
In memory of **Loved Ones** from Roy & Arlene Muscatello
In memory of **Sigard Hazel Lillehaugen, Ardis Lillehaugen, Joseph & Teresa Santoro** from Mike & Shirley Santoro
In memory of **Lucille Laden** from David Laden
In memory of **parents, grandparents, & godparents** from Roxane J. Thode
In memory of **Roger Skone & Brian Skone** from Sheila Skone



MN FOOD SHARE

In gratitude for the gift of new life and hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the following gifts have been given to the Minnesota Food Share to provide life and hope to people today:

In memory of **Patrick & other family members** from the Fischer family
A gift from Bobbie Smack
In memory of **Stan & Ada Garvin, Stan Garvin Jr., Elizabeth Dempsey, James & Bernadine Kmetz** from Dan Garvin & Debbie Kmetz
In memory of **David Hurtt, Beloved Dad & Grandpa** from the Wegner family
In memory of **Loved Ones** from Roy & Arlene Muscatello
A gift from Warren Modell
In memory of **Sigard Hazel Lillehaugen, Ardis Lillehaugen, Joseph & Teresa Santoro** from Mike & Shirley Santoro
In memory of **Loved Ones** from Rosemary Johnson

Please pray for...

Pam B.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Beth D.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Bill H.	CF (friend of Tom & Deb S.)
Kathy H.	Justin K. (friend of Sandra H.)
Ann L.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Erik M.	Mike W. (friend of Sandra H.)
Connie P.	Paula M.L. (cousin of Jeanette M.N.)
Niko P.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Ruth R.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Carol S.	Tommy (former student of Beth S.)
	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

❖ ❖ ❖

**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.
This week in worship, we pray for:**

Heather & Randall Quale, Jack
Mike & Ruth Rajacich
Francisco Ramirez & Kristin Carver, Isak, Alexa
Barbara Reiter
Cassandra Reiter
Sheryl & Scott Rodriguez, Megan, Casey
Irene Roller

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Martin Ericson

Director of Music Ministries: Tom Ferry

Accent Brass: Alex Kahler—Trumpet I
Doug Bradley—Trumpet II
Michelle Kahler—Horn
Paul Thomsen—Trombone
Elizabeth Berrigan—Tuba

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	April 20, 2025
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Moxy McCreight
Communion Prep	Meg Duncan
Assisting Minister	Meg Duncan
Communion Asst 1	Mary Hagerman
Communion Asst 2	Mary Sommerfeld
Greeter	Jean Milton
Coffee Servers	Jonathan Nye & Geri Jwanouskos
Children's Sermon	David Person
Reader	Jeanette Maynard-Nelson
Liturgist	Rebecca Numainville
Ushers	Team 1
Welcome Desk	Val Negaard
Bus Helper	Shirley Dingman
Bus Driver	Lowell Lundy
Video Tech	Craig Canada

USHER TEAM

Team 1: Fred Halberg, Sam Schultz, Darrell Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 20TH

SPECIAL EVENTS



FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT - EVERY LAST FRIDAY—Families with Littles & Middles (newborn through 6th grade) are invited for an evening of food, games, and fellowship. Join us on **April 25th from 5-7 PM at CPLC**. Contact David Osterhouse at osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org.

GROWING FOR GOOD - MAY 3—Let's cultivate a stronger community together! Get inspired for an abundant garden season with the MN Seed Project, Como Community Seed Library, CPLC, and the MN Hobby Beekeepers. We will also have free family friendly activities with the St. Paul Parks & Rec, the Ramsey County Master Gardeners, and the MN Tool Library. Bring your garden tools, and join us at this educational event, featuring sweet treats from the Foxberry Bakehouse. See flyer at Welcome Desk for more information or visit us online at: www.comoparklutheran.org/growing-for-good



COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET - MAY 15-OCTOBER 30—We are excited to be partnering with the St. Paul Growers Association—St. Paul Farmers' Market to bring a farmers' market to our Como Park neighborhood! This new market will take place in our **CPLC parking lot** located at 1545 Hamline Ave N, and will be held **every Thursday afternoon from 2-6 PM** from **May 15th through October 30th**. There will be a variety of locally grown and produced food items for sale. This market accepts and provides matching dollars to SNAP/EBT customers. We look forward to seeing you at the market. Visit: www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - JUNE 16-19—We will be partnering with Camp Onomia again for VBS from **June 16—June 19**. Kids in grades **Pre-K—5th** are invited to attend. Teens and adults are invited to help. Contact David Osterhouse at osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org.



RECURRING EVENTS

TECH SHADOWS - EVERY SUNDAY—Come sit with us **any Sunday during worship service in the sanctuary**, and watch the technical side of worship! Find out if you'd like to be a CPLC Tech. Contact office@comoparklutheran.org.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE - EVERY TUESDAY—Let's make a difference together by making quilts **every Tuesday at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. At the end of the year, we donate our quilts to homeless shelters. We always accept & appreciate donations (bed sheets, pillow cases, & materials), which can be dropped off at CPLC. Join us whether you know how to sew or not. Contact Jan Lathrop (janetklathrop@gmail.com).

TUESDAY FAITH TALK & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY—Join us for a **Faith Talk** every **Tuesday at 9 AM** and **Bible Study** every **Thursday at 9 AM** in the **Fireside Room**. To receive our weekly invitation and updates, email Pastor Marty at ericson@comoparklutheran.org.

JOYFUL RINGERS & CPLCHOIR REHEARSALS - EVERY WEDNESDAY—Joyful Ringers rehearse every Wednesday in the sanctuary from 6-7 PM, and ring once a month during Sunday worship service. CPLChoir rehearse every Wednesday in the Choir Room from 7:15 PM to 8:45 PM, sing roughly three out of every four Sundays, and use a sign up system, so that the Music Director knows how many singers will be present each Sunday and plan music accordingly. Newcomers are welcome whether you have experience or not. We learn the music, reading skills, and singing skills by sight and by ear each week during rehearsal. So, come make a joyful noise to the Lord! Contact Tom Ferry at ferry@comoparklutheran.org.



CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY—Confirmation (Grades 7th-8th) meets in the Fireside Room at 7 PM. Youth Group (Grades 9-12) meets in the Youth Room at 7 PM. Contact Pastor Marty at ericson@comoparklutheran.org or David Osterhouse at osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org.



WOMEN'S CRAFT GROUP - EVERY THIRD THURSDAY—We will not be gathering in April. We will resume on **May 15**, and then take our summer break afterwards. Join us anytime from **6-8 PM**. If you don't have a current project but just want to come for the social gathering, please join us! All are welcome! Contact Meg Duncan (melaurak@msn.com) or Cathy Gagné (cmtm@comcast.net).

BUS SERVICES—If you would like a ride to Sunday worship services, please contact the church office at 651-646-7127 or office@comoparklutheran.org.

NURSERY ROOM—Our Nursery Room is available for families with children ages 3 & under. Drop off your children before service, pick them up after service, or join them and enjoy your time in the Nursery Room. The Parents Room is also available.



APRIL 20, 2025

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



**taking⁺
faith
home**

WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you talk about your faith with others? Explain.
- Jesus' disciples reacted in different ways to the resurrection. How do you think you would have reacted?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 24:1-12.

Luke wants future disciples to pause and wonder about faith in the resurrection of Jesus. Easter morning and the announcement of Jesus' resurrection begins with fear and then leads to joy. The women are initially terrified, not jubilant. For the disciples, it begins in disbelief. They even questioned the reliability of the women's testimony. Only Peter goes to the tomb. He is moved to amazement when he sees only linen cloths, and not Jesus' body. Luke gives us an honest story that relates to our own difficulties in trusting God. Belief is not our first reaction to God's grace and mercy. Has Jesus' body been stolen or is resurrection something to believe? Clearly, the disciples aren't buying it right away. As with the disciples on Easter Sunday, we, too, can wonder, "What happened?" The tomb is empty, but the resurrected body has not yet been seen. The beauty of the Christian faith is the honest description of discipleship. Even on Easter morning, there is room for confusion and questions as well as wonderment. We are encouraged to be like Peter and explore what might be true.

Discuss: What questions do you have about the resurrection of Jesus?

Pray: **Awesome God, we thank you for the joy and wonderment that Easter brings; help us to overcome doubts and fears that we may live with hope and confidence through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you encourage someone's amazement and questions about Christ's resurrection?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Place a candle near the cross drawn on the paper on the first week in Lent. Take a moment to trace the cross with your finger and reflect on the words of the Lord's Prayer that were written around the cross during Lent. Then say the Lord's Prayer as written in Luke 11:2-4 with the addition of the doxology: **Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Light the candle and say: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

APRIL 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY



Jesus' resurrection brings amazement and questions.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	The resurrection of Jesus
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Confidence in the resurrection
Wednesday	Mark 16:1-8	Jesus has been raised
Thursday	Deuteronomy 11:13-21	Teach the children
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Apostles speak the faith
Saturday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is always merciful
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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. Luke 24:12 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious and Living God, give us ears to hear and believe the message of the resurrection and the voice to speak to others of Jesus victory over death. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food; this is the day that you have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Psalm 118:24)

A Blessing to Give:

May you rejoice that Christ is risen.



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