



## Gathering in God's Name

### Prelude

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

arr. by David Giardinieri

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King; today the grave has lost its sting!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

### Silent Meditation

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important. C.S. Lewis

### \*Call to Worship

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the good news – once we were no people; now we are God's people. Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Alleluia!**

## Praise and Adoration

### \*Choral Call to Worship

Now Is the Hour of Darkness Past

Daniel Pinkham

### \*Easter Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Arr. James Biery

## Confession and Pardon

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we still remain captive to doubt and fear, not fully believing the good news of life beyond life. We overlook the poor and the hungry, we pass by those who mourn and we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed. Forgive us and help us trust in your power to change our lives and change the world!

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Welcome**      *During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman*

**Time for Young Disciples**

## **The Sacrament of Baptism (11:10)**

Dempsey Elizabeth Mendick, born August 10, 2024  
to parents Joe and Haley Allen Mendick and big brother, Lennox

**Congregation Response: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Dempsey Elizabeth Mendick into Christ's church to share with us in the one ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.**

**\*Hymn #240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

**Announcements**

## **Fellowship of Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Anthem**

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 24: 1-12

page 846 of the pew Bible

**Sermon**

"He Went Home, Amazed"

Dr. Zieman

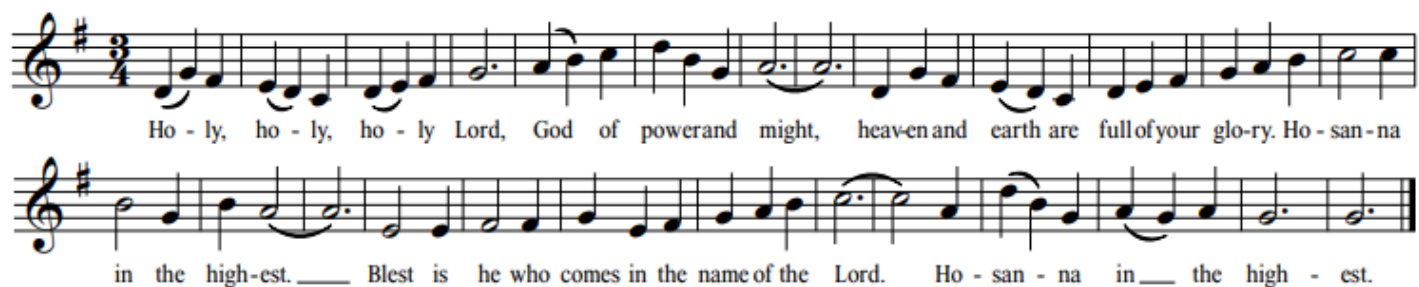
**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**\*Sanctus (#572)**

Holy, Holy, Holy



## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory**

Easter Hymn

John Ferguson

**\*Doxology (#609)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved and serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by the spirit of Christ in our hearts. Amen.

**\*Easter Hymn #238**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS  
Setting by Robert Hobby

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction Response**

"Hallelujah" from *Judas Maccabeus*

George F. Handel

**Postlude**

Carillon

Louis Vierna

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Music</b>	Chamber and Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ; Kristi Treu, conductor		
	Trinity Brass: Avery Fuller, Marty McGuire and Gary Lynn, trumpets; Ann Pearson and Valerie Fuller, horns; Keith Allen, trombone; John Broderick, tuba; Kyle Paoletti, timpani		
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher		
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00	Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Jeff Boyum	
	11:10	Josh Murray, Captain; Julie Buehler, Kathy Gross, Judy Sundberg, Neal Hubbard	
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00	North Door: Sue Meusey	Welcome Door: Doug Larson
	11:10	North Door: Jan Steffa	Welcome Door: Kristine Gasko
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00	Congregational Life Committee	11:10 Pam Swenson
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Congregational Life Committee		

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# Announcements

For the week of April 20, 2025

## The Week at a Glance

### **Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday**

#### **Pantry Sunday**

- 9:00      Worship  
10:00      Coffee Fellowship  
            No Sunday School Classes  
11:10      Worship  
            No JHF or SHF this afternoon

### **Monday, April 21**

#### **Church Office Is Closed**

- 10:00      Tai Chi

### **Tuesday, April 22**

- 7:00      Men's Bible Study  
9:30      Staff Meeting  
1:00      Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
1:30      Active Minds  
5:30      Finance  
6:00      Cross Care  
6:00      Vesper Board

### **Wednesday, April 23**

- 5:30      Confirmation Practice

### **Thursday, April 24**

- 9 & 11      Music and Movement  
10:00      Tai Chi

### **Saturday, April 26**

- 9-12      Spring Clean Up

### **Sunday, April 27 – Confirmation Sunday**

- 9:00      Worship  
10:00      Coffee, Kids, and Youth Classes  
            Reception for Confirmands  
10:00      Agape Speaker  
11:10      Worship  
4:45      JHF Fellowship  
4:45      SHF Fellowship

**Office Closed for Easter:** The church office will be closed starting at noon on Good Friday, April 18. The office also will be closed on Monday, April 21.

## **Joys and Concerns.**

- Thank you to everyone who provided Easter flowers for our Sanctuary this year! Donors/dedications are listed on last page.
- Join us in Fellowship Hall between services for hot cross buns and coffee. Stop by and learn more about this Easter weekend treat!
- Ron Madison died suddenly last Wednesday night. Ron is the son of Charles and Ruth Madison, and brother of Bev Koch and Linda Madison. Funeral services are pending.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).**

Our special offering for OGHS ends today. Use the special envelopes in the pew racks to donate, write "OGHS" on the memo line of your check, or donate online. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This special offering enables us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



Kids, bring your fish banks forward during the Time for Young Disciples.

## **Spring Clean Up is next**

**Saturday, April 26.** Join our church family next Saturday to help clean up the church grounds at 9 a.m. We will work until about noon. Bring your work gloves, clippers, and garden tools. All ages are welcome to help! Snacks are provided! Contact Linda Matson with questions.



**Confirmation**

**Confirmation Sunday is next Sunday!** We will receive this year's class at both services.

**May Basket Silent Auction Continues.** Do you have a special woman in your life that deserves to be pampered? Of course you do! Not sure what to get her? Well look no further, because SHF has assembled baskets just in time for Mother's Day. The silent auction begins today and ends on May 4. Come by the Lobby to find the perfect gift for the woman in your life. You'll be notified right after late church on May 4 if you win!

### Children's Worship Kits.

Parents, be sure to pick up worship kits for your children on the way to worship on Sunday mornings (located on a cart in the Narthex). There are two types of kits: for ages 3 – 6, and ages 7+. These kits contain paper, crayons, pencils, and children's bulletins that help children follow along during the service. After worship, return the bags to the cart so they can be restocked and ready for next Sunday.

**Active Minds.** Canasta will be the game for April at the Active Minds Fellowship Group. Join us when your schedule allows: Tuesdays, 1:30-4:00pm, lower level Great Room. New players and friends are welcome. We have very patient teachers. Feel free to stop by after Tuesday Bible Study. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.

**Agape for All Speaker Series – Register Online** - Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center

### Connecting with Omaha Welcomes the Stranger (OWS) – April 27

OWS, formed in 2022, strives to serve migrants fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries by providing safety, hospitality, hope and assistance with establishing new lives in the United States. Learn more about their work and ways they collaborate with local churches, service providers, and volunteers, in order to fulfill its mission of providing compassionate care to immigrants.

### Connecting with the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (CIRA) – May 4

CIRA's history is embedded in the 1997 founding of the Southern Sudan Community Associations. This led to Omaha having one of the largest Sudanese communities in the country. A 2022 merger between two refugee resettlement organizations created the CIRA. Erik Omar will summarize the array of services they now provide including legal, resettlement and social services in a growing number of locations spanning from Council Bluffs to Scottsbluff. He also has important information to share with us about the changes underway in our country and the challenges faced within their agency and the immigrant community.

### Final Vesper Concert of the Season on May 2

Join us on Friday evening, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. for The Bach Aria Soloists and their program titled "Spectrum." Their repertoire explores the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, his contemporaries, and those he has inspired throughout history. Ensemble members are Elizabeth Suh Lane, violin; Sarah Tannehill Anderson, soprano; and Elisa Williams Bickers, harpsichordist/organist/pianist. Vesper Concerts are FREE!



### Eagle Scout Honors

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held next Sunday, April 27 at 1 p.m. Mason Will and family would like to invite you to attend. Please text RSVP to Tammie Will by 4/21/25.

### 49ERS on May 6

Our program for Tuesday, May 6, will be Echohawk Lefthand. Echohawk Lefthand is a respected member of the Dine (Navajo) Nation and has demonstrated for over 15 years a strong commitment to public health advocacy. Echohawk was a recent recipient of UNMC's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Prior to DHHS, Echohawk served as the director, manager and specialist of the Title V Indian Education Program with Omaha Public Schools, Veteran Affairs and Indian Health Services. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. You can also sign up at the Information Center.





The floral arrangement of flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by PCOC members and families in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Any unclaimed plants will be delivered to our shut-ins.

Nancy Anderson	In Memory of Stepson, Robert Anderson (died March 3, 2025)
Nancy Anderson	In Memory of her Husband, William Anderson
Anonymous	In Honor of all PCOC Volunteers
Irene and Bob Astleford, Jr.	In Memory of Loved Ones
Darold and Mimi Bauer	In Honor of Kate and Joe Trapp's anniversary
Darold and Mimi Bauer	In Honor of Erin and Quinn Parker's wedding
Russ Beernink and Dianne Witmer	In Memory of Don and June Beernink
Russ Beernink and Dianne Witmer	In Memory of Bob and Margaret Dickmeyer
Dennis and Amy Boesen	In Memory of Curtis Boesen, Jim Ferney and Joyce Ferney
Dennis and Amy Boesen	In Honor of Shirney Boesen and our Children, and Grandchildren
Dave and Annie Bougger	In Honor of our children Brock and Jamie Bougger
Jamie and Brock Bougger	In Honor of our Grandparents, Loy & Julie Olson, & Don & Mary Bougger
Cherri Carpenter	In Memory of Parents
Jim and Joan Gayle Chapin	In Memory of Wilbur and Leatha Chapin, Don Chapin, and Larry Chapin
Jim and Joan Gayle Chapin	In Memory of R. Wayne and Jean Wilson, and Sharon Lynn Gathmann
Reece and Cora Conner	In Memory of Loved Ones
Jerry and Renee Cornett	In Honor of Our Parents for their love and support
Jerry and Renee Cornett	In Honor of Our Children spreading their wings to the future
Jerry and Renee Cornett	In Honor of Our community for keeping us connected
Betsy Conway	In Memory of Helen and Martin Conway
Carol and Bryce Crawford	In Honor of Our Family
Linda Dobry	In Memory of Dr. Charles A. Dobry
Alta Empkey	He Is Risen, Indeed!
Curt Field	In Honor of Wife, Launie Lambert
Curt Field	In Memory of Mother, Gayle Field
Curt Field	In Memory of Mother, Ruby Lambert
Carol Futhey	In Memory of the Werner and Futhey Families
Susan Geschwender	In Memory of Derek Geschwender and other Loved Ones
John and Kate Gibson	In Honor of our Son, John Phillip Gibson
Doug and Sue Gollehon	In Honor of Children and Grandchildren
Betty Goodwin	In Memory of Bill Goodwin and Dora and John Eckert
Tim and Brenda Graumann	In Memory of Marvin and Agnes Graumann
Linda Grohs	In Memory of Jessica and Justin Dorn
Sally Hanley	In Memory of Bill Hanley
The Hansen Holdren Family	In Memory of Marian Modrell
The Hansen Holdren Family	In Memory of Cindy Bengs
Ardys Hansum	In Memory of Parents, The Rev. Harold and Ruth Hesselink
Ardys Hansum	In Memory of Brother, Dr. Paul S. Hesselink

Mike Howland and Linda Matson  
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Charlotte and Neal Hubbard  
Don and Sharon Igel  
Sue Jenkins  
Beverly Karrer  
Larry and Judy Keating  
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Sue and Arlin Kiel  
The Koch Family  
Kathy and Jerry Klein  
Ken and Jacquie Kluck  
Nancy Koehler  
Donna Mau  
Lloyd and Charlene Meyer  
Richard and Trudy Meyer  
George and Tina Morgan  
Emily, Josh, and Elizabeth Murray  
Arnie and Karleen Nelson  
Gary and Marinell Neuhaus  
Ken and Cindy Nisley  
Pam Otto  
Ann Pearson  
Ann Pearson  
Ginger Petersen-Britt  
Dave and Mary Ann Pederson  
Susan Price  
Bob and Gerry Reid  
Kirk Ryckman  
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Owen and Karen Saunders  
Barb and Dan Scanlan  
Rick and Sheri Sessions  
Karen Smith  
Jim Spielman  
Janice Steffa  
John and Pam Swenson  
John and Pam Swenson  
Bob and Judy Thomas  
Bob and Judy Thomas  
Chet and Barbara Thompson  
Janet Wallace  
Clarence and Jean Waters  
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Ron Wax Family  
Ron and Cheryl Whorlow  
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In Memory of Eugene and Betty Matson  
In Memory of Richard and Marilyn Howland  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Honor of Children and Grandchildren  
In Memory of Dr. Frederick William Karrer  
In Honor of Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Honor of the PCOC Church Staff  
In Memory of Mike Zabka  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
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In Honor of my Daughters and their families, Anne, Susan, and Debbie  
In Memory of Ron Mau and in Memory of his friend, R. Lou Harrison  
In Honor of Our Family  
In Memory of our Niece, Jenna Roper  
In Memory of Tina's Brother. Bob Ferstl  
In Memory of Joel Gatewood, Jr., Loving Dad, Father-in-law and Grandpa  
In Honor of Our Family  
In Memory of Parents, Herman & Lavon Neuhaus; Harry & Elsie Hansen  
In Honor of Our Great Grand-daughters, Tinley, Rylee, and Daenerys  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Donald and Sue Klohr  
In Memory of Bob Reisser  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Memory of Roger Koehler, Father  
In Honor of Our Loving and Caring Family  
In Honor of Lauren, Casey, Barrett, Hallie and Cece Ballou  
In Honor of Kara, Ryan, Sophie and Emma Chappell  
In Memory of Debbie Ryckman  
In Memory of Lyle Meyerhoffer  
In Memory of Pat and Ray Scanlan and Dee and Ed Owen  
In Honor of our Grandchildren and Great Grand-daughter  
In Memory of Parents, Bob and Anne Fee  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Memory of Edward Steffa  
In Memory of Bill and Ruth Ann Williams  
In Memory of Richard and Betty Swenson  
In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren  
In Honor of Church Staff  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Memory of my Husband, David  
In Honor of Betty Waters  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Memory of Linda Wax  
In Honor of Parents, Cecil and Irene Fisher  
In Honor Parents, Howard and Marjorie Whorlow