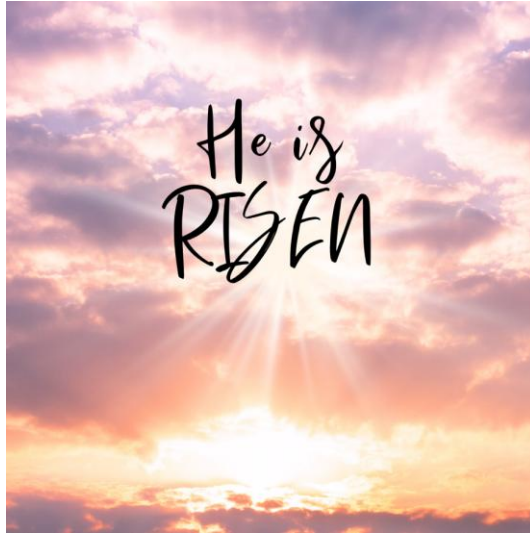


Easter Sunday
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
April 5, 2026, 9:30 am



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Great Joy!

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music *Alleluia, Alleluia arranged by Laura Wasson* *Marcia Yernberg*

Welcome *Pastor Penny Bonsell*

Christ is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed!

Centering Time *Christ Is Risen* *Mel Henrichs, Bowed Psaltery*

Call to Worship

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

Hymn

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today UMH #302

All

Opening Prayer

Theresa Siemers, Certified Lay Minister

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life.

As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do, may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A (pp. 189-190).

Sharing of the Peace and Beautifying the Blooming Cross

Children’s Moment

THE WORD

Palm 118:1-2, 14-24

Matthew 28:1-10

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks Be to God**

Message

Great Joy

Pastor Penny Bonsell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn

Christ Is Alive (UMH #318)

All

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, and Prayers of the People

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of Resurrection, hear our prayer. For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name. **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For those in leadership roles in our church, may they be wise, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, may they practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.** For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus; **God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Based on Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A (pp. 190-192).

Offering *An Easter Carol by Timothy Dudley-Smith and Ephrem Feeley
Little Prairie Choir, Lily Wopata (Violin) and Marcia Yernberg (Piano)*

Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (UMC# 95)* **All**

Special Music *In Communion We Sing by John Parker and John Purifoy
Little Prairie Choir and Marcia Yernberg*

Holy Communion

Lord's Table

May the God of all be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And the prayer which unites us...

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Christ Is Risen, Up from Grave He Arose
Mel Henrichs, Bowed Psalterly

Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices (UMH #304)

All

SENDING

May God's abiding love and hope give us new life. May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled. And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace. For Steadfast Love is risen! May the God who loves and resurrects us, be fully present in you. May a stranger see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. God Bless! **Amen. Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Hallelujah!**

Postlude

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Marcia

Yernberg

arranged by Anna Laura Page

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst



Website

Online Giving

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Fri. April 10, 5:30-8:00 pm Youth Group

Fri, April 10, 9-5 and Sat. April 11, 10-4 Northfield Quilters Quilt Show

Sat. May 2, 10 am -12, noon Tea on the Prairie

Wed. June 10, 6-8 pm, Music on the Prairie, Old Country Boys (Food available at 5:30)

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