

# Easter Dawn, April 5, 2026

6:40 AM

Trinity UCC/UMC

**Hymn**      *Up from the Grave He Arose*      UMH #322

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

### *Refrain*

Up from the grave he arose, (he arose)  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose)

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [*Refrain*]

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [*Refrain*]

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## **Gospel: John 20:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb

first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning, we gather with the whole company of God's people in heaven and on earth to share in Christ's victory over death. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The light of Christ. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God!**  
**Alleluia!**

*(The Christ Candle is lit.)*

**Hymn**     *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*     UMH #702

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we, awaking,  
know the everlasting peace.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices:  
Jesus lives, who once was dead.  
Join we now the deathless voices;  
child of God, lift up your head!  
Patriarchs from the distant ages,  
saints all longing for their heaven,  
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,  
all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders  
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,  
saints shall stand before the throne!

O to enter that bright portal,  
see that glowing firmament;  
know, with thee, O God Immortal,  
“Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!”

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### **Acts 10:34-43**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Sermon**

We turn to God in prayer, first in confession and then in petition and gratitude.

We are an Easter people, moving onward to perfection and yet always in need of mercy and so we confess our sins  
**For the times I have turned away from you, O God  
For the wrong done and the good left undone  
For any lack of charity, compassion and kindness  
I ask forgiveness and healing.**

People of God, hear this promise from God: your sins are forgiven, +in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Offering**

Please place all offerings in the plate or you may use the QR code found on the back of the bulletin.

### **Psalm 118**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Words of Institution**

#### **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 sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin 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.**

The good gifts of God, for God's beloved children. This is the Lord's table, all are welcome. The body and blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

### **Benediction & Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Go in peace and share the Good News – Christ is Risen. Alleluia! **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Christ is Alive*

UMH #318

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.
4. In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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## Postlude

### Trinity Church Offering



*Hymn Festival*  
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026  
3:00 P.M.  
*Grace Lutheran Church*  
104 SOUTH COLFAX STREET  
WEST POINT, NEBRASKA  
*Favorite hymns to inspire  
our hearts as we journey through life*  
*Jeff Hoffman, Organist*  
CHOIR SINGERS WELCOME  
REHEARSAL DAY OF THE EVENT AT 1:30 P.M.  
TO REQUEST SCORES FOR REHEARSAL, CONTACT JEFF AT  
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Waffleman Community Fundraiser Sunday, April 19th from 9:30am to 1pm at the Nielsen Center in West Point. Featuring breakfast by the Waffleman – free will donation, along with Silent Auction, Cancer Survivor Recognition and Luminaria display. Free meal for each Cancer Survivor and a Caregiver, additional guest with free will offering. To RSVP for the survivor meal please call or text Carly at 402-430-6369.

Survivors can register for a Relay T-Shirt online at [www.relayforlife.org/cumingne](http://www.relayforlife.org/cumingne) or call 800-277-2345 option 4. Your complimentary Survivor shirt will be mailed to you. All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society.