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PRELUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Hymnal Selection 258, arr. Sam Parnin
Sam Parnin, Organ

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258

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Carol Olfelt, Trumpet
Erik Ward, French Horn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Jeremiah 31 and Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

His steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is our strength and our might;
he has become our salvation!

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous!

We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

For he has loved us with an everlasting love;

he has continued his faithfulness to us!

Come, let us go to Zion, to the Lord our God!

* INVOCATION AND 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Concertato on "Thine Is the Glory"
Hymnal Selection 243, arr. Robert J. Powell
Chancel Choir and Children's Choir, Brian Ward, Director
The congregation will be invited to sing verses 1 and 3.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Easter Season Acts Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 3

Jacob Cody, Reader

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Emily Cody

* HYMN 245

Low in the Grave

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Living in the Overflow

Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman,

Lara Landon, Steven Musso, The Emerging Sound

Led by Chris Hickey, Anders Johnson, Robert Johnson,

Jeanette Mottl, Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit
are invited to participate in this sacrament. Gluten-free elements are available.*

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Elements

Communion Music

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal Selection 267, arr. Don Hustad

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today

arr. J.S. Bach

Brian Ward, Organ

He Lives!

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 3

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 259

Christ Is Alive!

Those wishing to sing the Hallelujah chorus with the choir may make their way forward during the hymn to stand in the choir loft and on the front platform.

* BENEDICTION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Friends, Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

Go out into the world and bear witness to this Good News:

God shows no partiality!

Death no longer has any power!

All who believe in him are forgiven!

Alleluia and Amen!


* POSTLUDE

Hallelujah
from *Messiah*
G.F. Handel
Carol Olfelt, Trumpet
Sam Parnin, Trumpet
Brian Ward, Organ
Charles Olson, Directing

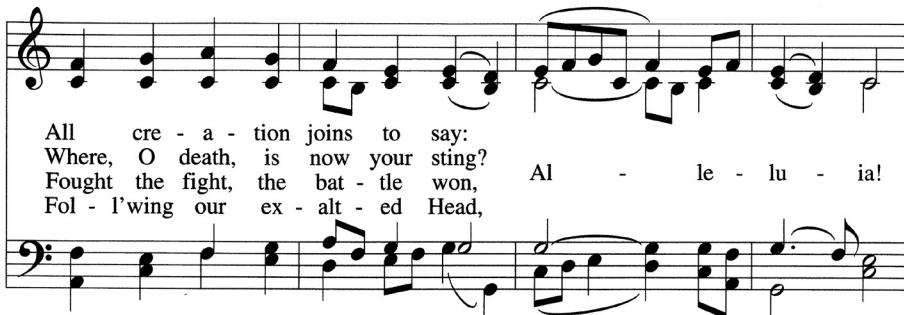
** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

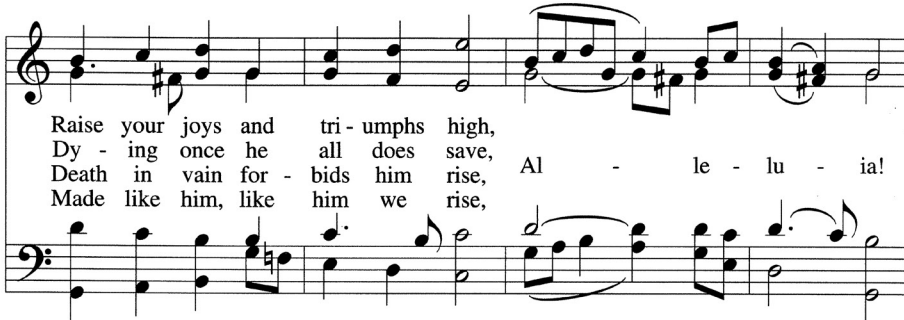
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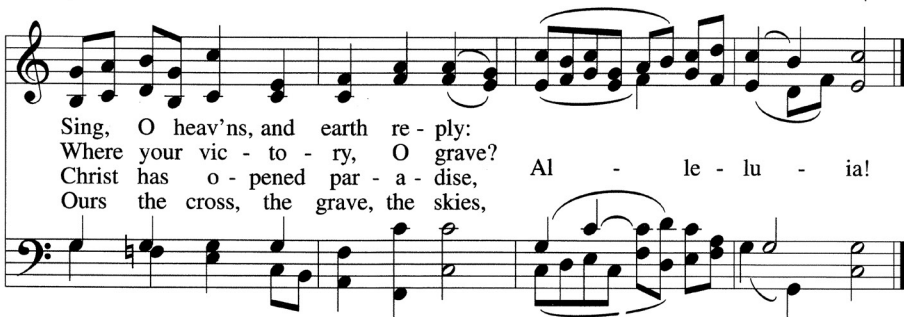
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,



All cre - a - tion joins to say:
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Dy - ing once he all does save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise,



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Traditional

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

EASTER: RESURRECTION

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment of chords and bass lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata symbol.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

246

Refrain (in unison) F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C F *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F/A Stanzas F Dm B \flat C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

Low in the Grave He Lay

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Wait-ing the com-ing day,
 2 Vain-ly they watched his bed, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! Vain-ly they sealed the dead,
 3 Death could not keep its prey, Je-sus, my Sav-ior! He tore the bars a-way,

Refrain

Je-sus, my Lord!
 Je-sus, my Lord! Up from the grave he a-rose, with a
 Je-sus, my Lord! he a-rose,


might-y tri-umph o'er his foes; he a-rose; he a-rose a vic-tor from the

dark do-main, and he lives for-ev-er with his saints to reign. He a-

rose! He a-rose! He a-rose! Hal-le-lu-jah! Christ a-rose!

21

God, Your spir - it falls, and now we


25

walk in mir - a - cles. Oh, A maz - ing

29

God, Your spir - it falls, and now we


33

walk in mir - a - cles. Bless the Lord,

37

oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the o - ver - flow. Bless the Lord,

41

oh my soul. I am liv - ing in the o - ver - flow.

44

I am liv - ing in the o - ver - flow.

He Lives

1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,

and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age; till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

2026 Easter Memorials
& Honoraria



We Remember
We Honor

The members and friends listed here have chosen to memorialize or honor their loved ones either with the purchase of a beautiful flowering plant you see at the front of the sanctuary today and/or by giving a donation to The Friendship Center.

Given by Mary Ann Ahlgren
in memory of Betty J. Nelson

Given by Susan & Dave Dawson
in memory of our parents

Given by Sue & Kevin Anderson
in memory of June & Delmond Borg
in memory of Lois & Bill Anderson

Given by Donn & Sally Engebretson
in memory of Doug & Helen Nordstrom
in memory of Milt & Rhoda Engebretson

Given by Helen & Garry Arkema
in memory of Calvin Verbrugge
in memory of Lorraine Arkema

Given by Peter & Martha Frisk
in memory of Harder & Evelyn Johnson
in memory of Donald & Evelyn Frisk

Given by Cheryl Borgeson & Les Carlstrom
in memory of the saints who have gone
before us

Given by Barb & John Goode
in memory of Eric Yost
in honor of Jeff Yost
in honor of our church family

Given by Julie & David Bromley
in memory of our parents and our
brothers
in memory of our dear friend Adam
Griswold

Given by Diane Haglund
in memory of Adam Griswold

Given by Sarah L. Hillabrant
in memory of Linda Hillabrant

Given by Nancy & Will Bromley
in memory of loved ones
in memory of Adam Clayton Griswold,
former member and Trustee

Given by Katy Hoffman
in memory of Gus & Kay Knochelmann

Given by Mary & Keith Chase-Ziolek
in memory of Zoey Hope Chase-Ziolek
in memory of Helen & Jim Chase
in memory of Margaret & Roman Ziolek
in honor of our grandchildren, Evan,
Evie, Matthew, and Henry

Given by Barbara & Francis Hunt
in memory of Milton & Myrna Giertz
in memory of Francis & Witte Hunt
in honor of Judith Giertz
in honor of Barbara Joan Hunt

Given by the Hunter Family
in memory of Clint & Shirley Hamrick
in memory of Perry Manley

Given by Karen Darelus
in memory of Helen & Charles Darelus
in honor of my brothers, Peter and Joel,
and their families

Given by Chloe, Gabe, and Tim Johnson
in memory of Kari Lindholm-Johnson

Given by Lori Johnson
in memory of Rose & Francis Johnson

Given by Larry H. Knipp
in memory of Rebecca Ann Knipp

Given by Ellen Kogstad
*in memory of newborn Amen Rich
in memory of John Weborg
in memory of Kari Lindholm-Johnson*

Given by Joel & Christine Olfelt
*in honor of our mothers, Eileen Thorpe
and Janet Olfelt*

Given by Ann-Marie Olson
in honor of my loving family

Given by Chuck & Jan Olson
*in memory of our parents
in honor of our children and grand-
children*

Given by Don & Kay Olson
*in honor of our grandsons Anders,
Axel, Jack, and Dillan*

Given by Mark, Krista, Anders, and Axel
Olson-Brady
in memory of David Brady

Given by Joline & Steve Paska
*in memory of Jim & Linda Schultz
in memory of Joe & Stella Paska*

Given by Bonnie Pfeiffelman and Family
in memory of Peter & Esther Hutt

Given by the Piotrowski Family
in memory of loved ones

Given by the Rodriguez Family
in memory of our Aunt Sherry Woods

Given by Paula & Christian Schuetz
*in memory of Fran Fostey
in memory of Adam Griswold*

Given by Mark, Hannah, and Sophia
in memory of Schukas Family

Given by Janette & Roderick Smith
in memory of Ruth Muir

Given by Mel Soderstrom
in memory of Joanne Soderstrom

Given by Bruce & Ann Marie Strom
*in memory of the Strom and Shouba
families*

Given by Doug & Jane Swanson-Nystrom
*in honor of those who started and
supported the church pantry and
its continued ministry as The Friend-
ship Center*

Given by Sue Vandervoort
*in memory of my mom, dad, and
brother*

Given by Brian, Maria, Erik, Annalisa, and
Kajsa Ward
in memory of Connor William Ward

Given by Hannah, Israel, and Abby
in memory of Yohannes Madie

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

If you're new here today, we invite you to email the co-pastors at copastors@npcovenant.org to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) during the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Today is a Benevolence Sunday. Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

If giving digitally is more your style, this handy QR code will take you directly to our online giving portal. It's a great pathway to one of the most powerful and sustainable ways to support NPCC. In the portal, you can make an account, set up recurring gifts, and even include a little extra to offset processing fees. However you give, know that we are deeply grateful for your generosity and doing all we can to equip this church family to live for God's glory and neighbors' good.



Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

Members and friends are invited to be a part of a Saturday-morning trash brigade, working to clean up an area of our community inspired by this month's community prayer. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details.

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Easter Monday.

You're invited to come together for refugees! Please join Exodus World Service for their Celebration of Hope on Thursday evening, April 16, at Drury Lane. Our friends at Exodus World Service will share local refugees' stories of fleeing war and persecution, and building new lives with the help of Exodus volunteers. You'll learn about current challenges faced by resettled refugees and those left behind in camps overseas, and have an opportunity to bring hope to refugees. [Click here to register.](#) Contact Sarah Hillabrant at yoopergirl@hey.com with questions.

Lectionary texts for Sunday, April 12:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Save the Date! Linnea Olfelt and Ben Holda invite you to share in their joy as they are married in our sanctuary on Saturday, April 18. The ceremony will begin at 1 pm, followed by a light reception in the parlors. All are invited!

A memorial service for Lee Horten, who passed away on December 10, 2025, will be held on Saturday, April 18, at 2 pm at Covenant Living of Northbrook (2625 Techny Rd., Northbrook). Donations may be sent to the North Park University Chemistry Scholarship Fund (3225 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60625). All are invited to attend this celebration of life and to bear witness to the resurrection.

Join us for a Town Hall on April 19: We will discuss upcoming projects the trustee board would like to get started on, as well as possible use of Employee Retention Credit money we have yet to employ. A light lunch will be provided. As a reminder, a town hall is designed for conversation and Q&A. There is no voting. However, we will vote on these items at the congregational annual meeting on April 26.

Film Screening & Book Discussion: The documentary *Ben Between Africa and Holly Berkley* and Berkley Fletcher's book *The Missionary Kids* open a powerful dialogue about growing up between cultures, the legacy of missionary movements, and the search for belonging. Join us on April 25, at 6:30 pm for a special screening, followed by an engaging discussion with Berkley Fletcher. For more information or to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

for your prayers this week

- **Community prayer:** All those who live in the apartments and houses surrounding NPCC
- **Kensey Colon**, awaiting news following a consultation on March 31 to determine next steps related to two masses in her stomach
- **Barb and John Goode**, now that John is home and they adjust to life with in-home caregivers
- **David Bromley**, recuperating well after stents were inserted into two of the arteries in his heart
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, home from the hospital after another bout of pneumonia
- Zeynab's daughter, **Soofia**, seeing movement on a decision regarding her release
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Eileen Thorpe**, praying for wisdom and discernment for next steps of care
- **Betty Boyd**, Jon's mother, moving into hospice care in the next week
- **Tami Losey**, Marti Hindaileh's sister, whose biopsy was benign, but whose doctors still can't pinpoint the source of the pain she's experiencing
- **Ann Marie Strom**, undergoing infusions for melanoma
- **Darlene Johnson**, recovering from a badly broken wrist
- Joline and Steve Paska's friend **Maggie**, diagnosed with stage 3 endometrial cancer
- **Melanie Jones**, for strength to live with chronic pain
- **Steve Brown**, who has been dealing with pancreatic cancer
- **Zeynab and her two sons**, awaiting word about their asylum case
- **Anna and Peter Kim**, missionaries in Taiwan, request prayer for Peter, as he continues to work as a counselor in training; for wisdom and help to know how best to provide their daughter Eva a good future in the midst of her special needs; and for their children, as they look for summer jobs

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, April 6 - Easter Monday - Office Closed

- 11:30 am NPCCP Board Meeting (Parlors)
- 4 pm Tutoring (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, April 7

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, April 8

- 10 am Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Knit or Not (Coffee Lounge)
Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 9

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 10

- 1 pm Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, April 11

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, April 12

- 9 am Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors)
Art Journaling (Art Room)
Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)
High-school Youth Group (Attic Youth Room)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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