

# St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

7459 MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN 55009



**Vision Statement**

A Welcoming Church focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.

**Mission Statement**

Proclaiming God's Love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.

*Worship Service –Holy Communion | Pastor Andrew Thompson*

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 Worship Leaders**

<b>Reader</b>	Maxine Rademacher	<b>Computer</b>	Oscar McManus
<b>Soundboard</b>	Bob Durdahl	<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Jane Bracken
<b>Live Streaming</b>	Bob Durdahl	<b>Offering Counters</b>	Kris & Deb
<b>Chancel Choir Dir</b>	Cindy Hayward		
<b>Contemporary Dir</b>	Doug Anderson		
<b>Greeters/Ushers/Bell</b>	Liz, Deb, & Bob		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kris, Mindy, & Carie		
<b>Communion</b>	Pastor Andrew, Megan, Sue, and Deb		

**As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:**

Linda Rifenberick, Sue Samuelson, Cindy Hayward, Danielle Lingenfelter, Larry Duncan, Chuck Bracken and Barb Monroe.

We pray for those who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	<i>Bell Choir</i>
	<i>Introit for Easter</i>	<i>Bell Choir &amp; Chancel Choir</i>
<b>Ringing of Church Bells</b>		

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

...Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

.....we join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

*ELW 365*

**Verse 1**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

**Verse 3**

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

**Verse 4**

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Greeting**

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 page 147-148*

**Canticle of Praise**

*ELW page 149-150*

**Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. **Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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.”

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Bell Choir Anthem**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

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

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

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

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

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

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

**Chancel Choir Anthem**

*Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*ELW page 151*

**Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Andrew Thompson**

**Song of the Day***“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**ELW 367***Verse 1**

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
 in praise of love that still abounds:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
 Repeat their song of glory here:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 3**

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
 set heart and will on things above  
 that we conquer through your triumph;  
 grant grace sufficient for life's day  
 that by our lives we truly say:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
 therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Now still he comes to give us life  
 and by his presence stills all strife.  
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 4**

Adoring praises now we bring  
 and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
 Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
 to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
 all the glory, never ending!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Lord, in your mercy | **Hear our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always | **And also with you.**

**Offering Music**

*Hallelujah*

*Leonard Cohen*

**Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

*ELW page 152*

**Preface & Holy, Holy, Holy**

*ELW page 153*

**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 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 and ever. Amen.**

**Lamb of God**

*ELW page 154*

**Holy Communion**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. **Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**Benediction**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

*“Thine is the Glory”*

*ELW 376*

**Verse 1**

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

**Verse 2**

Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

**Verse 3**

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

**Postlude**

*Alleluia from “Exultate Jubilate” W. A. Mozart*

**MUSIC FOR APRIL 5, 2026**

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4

Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEVEAN RESOUNDS**

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**THINE IS THE GLORY**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939

Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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Thank you to everyone who gave financially to a designated savings fund and/or purchasing flowers for Easter.

**An Easter Lily was given in memory of:**

- In memory of Jim Deacon & Andrea Deacon Jones by Barbara Deacon

**A Begonia was given in memory of:**

- My parents Merry Jo and Herb Johnson by Linda Johnson.
- Chuck & Ardis Durdahl by the Durdahl Family

**A financial gift was given to the:**

**Good Samaritan Fund**

- In memory Norris & Anna Johnson given by Tom & Barb Monroe.
- In memory of Ronald Hall, Morris and Christine Hall, Donald Sande, Richard and Carmen Hall by Dick and Mardell Doffing, Kathy Hall, Gerald and Jan Hall and James and Diane Lundell and Families.
- In memory of loved ones by Linda Johnson
- In memory of loved my sisters by Bev Sundheim.
- In memory of loved ones by Lawrence & DiAnn Johnson
- In memory of Myron and Irene Lundell by Family.
- In memory of loved ones by Dallas and Judy Forsman.

**St. Ansgar's Cemetery**

- In memory of Curt and Jean Duden by Jodi Duden & Aaron Duden.
- In memory of Quentin and Lois Lundell by James and Diane Lundell and Family.
- In memory of Elaine and DeVere Nelson and Blanche and Rutherford Lundell by Barbara Middaugh.
- In memory of Floyd & Regina Budensiek by Randy and Karen Stein.

**Parking Lot**

- In memory of loved ones by Bill and Shari Ekstrom.

**Thank you to the Brass Ensemble!**

Doug Anderson  
Tyler Anderson  
Abe Anderson  
Pastor Andrew Thompson  
Mitch McManus  
Oscar McManus  
Michelle Schroeder  
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