

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Late Service

Blessed Easter

April 20, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: At early dawn, when the light was just emerging and the shadows still long and deep the earth began to sing a tender and persistent hallelujah.

P: And the resurrection smelled like death and dirt. Jesus the Messiah, the Power of Love, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

L: At early dawn, with the salt of tears still crusting their eyes the women began to sing a grieving and faithful hallelujah.

P: And the empty tomb sounded like weeping and questions. Jesus the Christ, the Wounded One, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

L: At early dawn, when no one could remember the sound of hope or the promise of a new day rising the world began to sing a fierce and determined hallelujah.

P: And the rising up tasted like bread and rejoicing. Christ, the Way of Truth and Life, is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

L: At early dawn, as each day brings forth new agonies and injustices, we gather to sing a grateful and liberating hallelujah.

P: And this Easter feels like protest and praise. Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

***HYMN:** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

R130/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Resurrecting God, we meet you in the empty tomb where our griefs and joys, despairs and hopes inter-mingle. Through our prayers and praise this Easter day, open our hearts to remember that the power of Your love and life will overcome every death-dealing force, no matter how pervasive or persuasive. In this troubling and joyful time, dazzle us with good news, Holy Rising Up One, in whose path we follow and name we pray. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 25:6-9

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 18:1-2, 14-24

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us now confess to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: If, at times, we deny you: God forgive.

If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found: God forgive.

If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive.

If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive.

If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen One. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Hear the good news: In raising Jesus from the dead, God has brought life and immortality to light. And hear the good news: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

In the name of Jesus, I say to you: Our sins are forgiven. All things are made new. Doubt no more; Christ is with us always.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Easter According to Kids" Projected
With southland Christian church

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (old language) Projected

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace

I can hear the brush of angel's wings

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

SPECIAL MUSIC: “All Earth Rejoice”

with the Senior Choir

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

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.**

HYMN: “The Old Rugged Cross” with Johnny Cash

Projected

MEDITATION: “The Fear of Resurrection”

Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: As resurrection people, every moment offers us an opportunity to divest from the power of death and invest in the power of new life. Follow God’s call in this moment to use whatever resources you have to build up a new world of flourishing for all. Bring your life-affirming, resurrecting intentions to this offering so that together we might roll away every stone of injustice, oppression, and harm until all know the true power of God’s Love.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: To the witness of new life emerging, God open us. To the work of new world building, God commit us. To the power of love persisting, God dedicate us. For the calling of faith rising up, God equip us. Amen.

*HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2

R210/Projected

LITANY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Insert/Projected

*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Postlude

Spring Flowers for Easter 2025

In Honor of

Fergus Jo Bishop-Mundell

Grandchildren

Our children: Dean, Duane, Julie & Karen

Given By

Rev. Dr. Kevin & Kelly Mundell

Iona & Ronald Altnau

Lyndon & Dolores Luker

In Memory of

Arline & Lyle Sauer

Don Retzlaff

Donna & Jerry Long, Richard & Mabel Bloedel

Doreen Badtke

Dorothy Schattschneider

Edna Schwandt

Don Retzlaff

Doreen and Jeff Badtke

Frank Garro

James & Jean Wille, Susan Wille

Jeff Badtke

John Burk Sr.

Kent and Carla Johns

Lawrence & Irene Prellwitz, Lisa Prellwitz

Loved Ones

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Given By

Beverly Garro

Caroline & Family

Gay & Ron Long

Tom Badtke

Carrie Nitz & Family

Chet & Donna Burton

Caroline Retzlaff & Family

Tom Badtke & Family

Beverly Garro

Ricky & Debbie Prellwitz & Family

Tom Badtke

The Burk Family

Carrie Nitz & Family

Ricky & Debbie Prellwitz & Family

Bob & Judy Lueck

Patti Schaalma & Family

Pete & Kathy Schieler

The Miller Family

Buck & Nancy

Rick & Barb Stracy

Over Please

Spring Flowers for Easter 2025

In Memory Of (continued)

Marvin & Marilyn Stark, Emil & Alma Stark,
Marilyn Patrick

Oscar & Duane Hageman

Paul & Elsie Brady, Jean Brady Moeller

Ralph & Mae Schaefer

Robert Perr, Tony Perr, Shawn Bryant,
Joe Barnett, Clay Barnett

Roy & Barbara Berndt

Terri Lenz

The Klemp Family, Kenneth Maguire

Tim Cluppert

Given By

Deborah Stark

Marilyn Hageman & Tammy Widlake

Jane Brady & Family

The Bebel & Moessner Families

Curt & Kris Barnett

Herman & Diane Berndt

Her Family

Judy & Erin Maguire

Debbie Cluppert & Family





We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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Rebecca Bogucke, and David Kanneman Apr 18, Arnold Dahlke Jr Apr 19, Nathan Ludjack and DuWayne Polcyn Apr 21, Keri Burzynski, Christine Drueger, and James Lieske Apr 22

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Wednesday:	In-Person: 15	Livestream: 168	Total: 183
Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 165	Total: 172
Sunday:	In-Person: 78	Livestream: 203	Total: 281

General Fund: \$3,495.00 OCWM: \$227.50 Capital Improvements: \$217.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

7 am: Audio Operator: Phil Manthei	Liturgist: Rick Stracy	Musician: Nicole Burdick
9 am: Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske	Liturgist: Rick Stracy	Musician: Nicole Burdick

EASTER FLOWERS

We have good news and bad news to share. To anyone who ordered a crocus plant—the crocus plants all, well, croaked when they froze in Iowa on the truck transporting them to Hy-Vee. So, no crocus plants. But you can select a daffodil, tulip, or hyacinth instead after worship services!



IN OUR PRAYERS

OSUCC member, James (Jim) Clausen, passed away on April 14, 2025. Please pray for his family and friends as they grieve his loss.

The visitation for Jim will be held here on Tuesday, April 22, from 9:00 am till 11:00. The funeral will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Mundell officiating and a luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall after the service. Interment will take place at Pine Grove Cemetery in Auroraville, WI.

OSUCC LOGO LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS

The Evangelism Committee will have two different types of long sleeved T-shirts in a selection of colors with our Church logo embroidered on them for sale in the East Narthex today. There is an option to add the letters OSUCC in screen print on one sleeve for an additional \$5.

One type is a light weight long sleeved T-shirt Hoodie, men and women sizes for \$24, and the other is a crew neck long sleeved T-shirt in Unisex sizes for \$32. Check them out and place your order by May 10th, please. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Come enjoy fluffy scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, breakfast potatoes, blueberry pancakes, egg bake, homemade sweets, milk, juice and coffee in Fellowship Hall between the Easter services!

APRIL IS UNDIE SUNDAY MONTH

April 20th is our third “Undie Sunday” of the month! This is a Sunday that you don’t come to church in just your undies, but instead you bring in packages of new undies and socks for Elementary school girls and boys, sizes 5T – 14! Thank you for “feeding” the baskets!

LENTEN OFFERING INITIATIVE - RIPON AREA FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROGRAM

We have \$2,590 collected! The extra over the \$2,500 payment, and any more donations given, will be placed in our Ripon Food for Thought Program fund here at church to be used next Lent when we do this again. Thank you, everyone, for your caring generosity!

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Suggested items for April are:

Peanut butter; oatmeal; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; Rice a Roni; shelf stable milk; flour; baking soda; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; salad dressings; BBQ sauce; mustard; toilet paper; paper towels; tissues; shampoo; conditioner; deodorant; bath soap; laundry soap; fabric softener; antibacterial multi-surface liquid cleaners.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Jim Clausen, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Chris Wiegand, the family and friends of Jim Clausen, and 10 Unspoken.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

It’s photo time! Call or email the Church office (osuccripon1@gmail.com) to set up your time, Monday - Thursday 10:00 am till 2:00 pm, or Sundays after worship service from 10:15 am till 11:30 am. Committees and groups will be contacted to set up times.

Oh, and come prepared-- you'll need to have a joke ready to tell the photographer!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 17 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- Fri. Apr. 18 6:30 pm - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at Grace Lutheran
- Sat. Apr. 19 **May Messenger Article Deadline**
- Sun. Apr. 20 7:00 am - Sunrise Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
7:45 am - Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:00 am - Late Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
- Mon. April 21 4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Tues. Apr. 22 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at 1st Congregational
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Apr. 24 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Sun. Apr. 27 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary – UCCI Camp Sunday
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Confirmands Presentation of Faith Statements in the Chapel
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pack Meeting
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Mon. April 28 5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at St. Catherine of Siena
- Tues. Apr. 29 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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