

-Neighbors in Christ parish-

Leonard Hummel - Interim Pastor

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5, 2026

Augustana Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church

Augustana Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, and St. John's Lutheran Church are members of the three-point Neighbors in Christ Parish located in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We welcome you to worship this day!

PLEASE: No whispering or talking-----no lights.

As you enter the Church this morning, you will find a gloomy atmosphere. The lights are out. the altar, and cross are veiled in black. Lori is not playing any music, and there are no lighted candles on the altar----this is to help us understand the feeling of hopelessness that must have been in the hearts of Jesus' disciples that first Easter morn.

The Ringing of Our Church Bell

(LIGHTS ON)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 151

(Matt & LaNae on Trumpet) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

(Unveiling of the Altar and etc.---Procession of the Flowers)

WELCOME

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C. **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthens you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

KYRIE — p. 78 (sing)

P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. **Lord, have mercy.**

P. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. **Lord, have mercy.**

P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C. **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST — P. 81 (SING)

(see Celebration insert)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 118:1-2,14-24

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia" p. 83

EASTER GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

P: The holy gospel according to John **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

20 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. ² 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."³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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."¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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,^[b] if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[c] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch 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.'" ¹⁸ 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON — Pastor Leonard Hummel

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!" — LBW #147

THE APOSTLES' CREED — p. 85

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (see Celebration insert)

PEACE

P. The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Passing of the offering plate

Online offerings can be given on our website www.neighborsinchristmn.org

OFFERING PRAYER

P. Merciful God...

C. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION (SPOKEN)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P. Nourishing God, in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in Remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me." Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — P. 91

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.*

DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" — LBW #130

COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Lord Jesus,

C. in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P. 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.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Thine is the Glory" — LBW #145 (Matt & LaNae on trumpet)

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

TABLE PRAYER

Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
These mercies bless, and grant that we.
May strengthen for thy service be. Amen.

Postlude

PRAYER LIST

Steve Saxton, Christy Johnson, Tom Rabe, Earl and Marge Lindstrand, JoAnn Collins, Dale & Pat Ericson, Wyatt Fischer (grandson of Don & Sue Bentz), **Dean Dilger, Reiden Cichoski** (grandson of Kim & Steve Neuman), **Barb O'Brien, John Johnson, Jerome Sabo, Felesha Driemeyer, Steve Bruns** (cousin of Otto & Bonnie Hartmann), **Charolette Pagel** (daughter of Micah Pagel; granddaughter of Bruce & Jean Pagel)

NIC PARISH NEWS

Please e-mail nicparish1@gmail.com to have information shared with our NIC Parishes. Refer to the NIC Website for more information — <https://neighborsinchristmn.org/>

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Leonard is always available and can be contacted directly at any time by email: leonard.hummel@gmail.com or cell phone: 410-949-0060.

If you are **not receiving the weekly church announcements** by text or email, please **contact your church secretary** so your contact information can be updated.

St. John's - Amy TenEyck sjbismarcksecretary@gmail.com

Augustana & First Lutheran - Sue Benz - augustana.secretary@gmail.com

Weather-related announcements will be communicated through Text-in-Church via text message, email, and the NIC website.

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channel. Click the



THIS WEEK AT NIC

Wednesday, April 8	6:00 p.m.	NIC WOW
Thursday, April 9	4:00 p.m.	ALC Church Grounds Clean-up
Sunday, April 12	8:30 a.m.	Worship @ SJB
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship @ FLC
	10:00 a.m.	Worship @ FLC

EASTER THANK YOU

We thank all those providing flowers to adorn our Easter gardens in memory of loved ones.

AUGUSTANA

Don & Sue Bentz
Noreen Beranek
Dick & Diane Isakson
Jan Ogren *(In Memory of Carl)*
John & Felesha Pagel Family
(In memory of TJ Uecker)
Cindy Rubendall
Jesse & Lisa Taralseth
Brad & Mary Turtle
(In memory of Wm & Erma)
Dale & Pat Ericson

ST. JOHN'S

Steve & Mavis Klukas
Keith & Lori Radtke
Jesse & Lisa Taralseth
Justin & Amy TenEyck
Doug & Mary TenEyck
Mike & Deb Trebesch



First Lutheran

Patty Edlund & Emery
Jensen
Froehlich Family
*(In memory of Kevin
Patrick Froehlich)*
Leonard Hummel
*(In memory of
Myrene Bunge)*
Greg & Carolyn
Johnson
Roger & Peggy Jones
Eric Larson
Laurie Larson
Cal & Mary Roberts
Memorial Fund for
Laura Thorson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Monday, April 13 – Augustana Council Mtg - 6pm
Tuesday, April 14 - St John's Council Mtg - 7pm
Tuesday, April 21 -First Lutheran Council Mtg - 7pm



WELCOME and THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who is making this morning's breakfast possible! We are grateful to those who have given their time and energy to prepare and serve the meal, and to all who have generously donated. Your kindness and willingness to serve are a true gift to our church community.

We also extend a warm welcome and thank you to our visitors for joining us this morning for worship and for the Easter breakfast. We are glad you are here!

SIBLEY COUNTY SR. EXPO – April 11th

The 2026 Sibley County Sr. Expo will be held on Thursday, April 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington. See Sue Bentz for tickets. Free bussing is available from Fairfax, Gibbon & Winthrop – Call Tonia Schiro at 507-207-2236 to reserve a spot on the bus. Tickets are \$10 in advance.

AFRICAN MISSION PROJECT GATHERING – April 23

The spring gathering for the Minnesota Valley Conference African mission partnership is 6-8 p.m. Thursday April 23 at Trinity Lutheran, St. Peter starting with a simple meal with free will offering. Representatives from each conference congregation are sought, while all are welcome. A special guest will be Rev. Dr. Hollie Holt-Woehl, who recently consulted with partners from the Southeastern Diocese in Southern Africa. To be on an email contact list email secretary Dave Pedersen, dlpeders@msn.com. 763-807-0993. It would help if you let me know if you plan to attend so we can provide accordingly. Reply to dlpeders@msn.com.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Due to the vacancy of the Administrative Assistant position, a Technology Team Committee has been established to ensure continued communication with our church family. This team will manage updates and messages through the NIC website, Text in Church, YouTube, weekly announcements, and other communication channels—helping us stay informed and connected.

Messages can be sent to nicparish1@gmail.com – <https://neighborsinchristmn.org/contact-us/> or reach out to your church secretary.

VISITATIONS

Please contact the following if someone needs visitation:

- Bonnie Hartmann (ALC) 507-766-5474
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