



Nativity  
Lutheran Church

EASTER | 20  
24

[www.nativitychurch.org](http://www.nativitychurch.org)



HOPE  
BEYOND  
WORDS



Saturday, March 30 - 5:30 pm | Sunday, March 31 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am

# HOPE BEYOND WORDS

**Welcome** Thank you for participating in worship. “Hope Beyond Words” is what the three women experienced as they listened to the messenger at the empty tomb. Wanting to believe it was true but not having words to define it, they left afraid and amazed, telling no one. We have a similar experience when a loved one dies, wanting to believe in life after death, that we will see them again. But not having the life experience, our words fail us. God does not fail us. May today’s worship help you experience the resurrected Jesus and the reassurance that the seemingly impossible is possible. Christ is Risen!

## PRELUDE

Easter Rejoicing ..... North Shore Brass  
Messier/Darwall/Handel, arr. Todd Marchand  
© Con Spirito Music

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW #365) vs.1, 2, 4 ..... Latin carol, sts 1-3 tr.  
Latin carol, sts 1-3 tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, st 4 Charles Wesley,  
music J. Wassh, Lyra Davidica  
© Augsburg Fortress

### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

This Is the Day..... Jeanne Cotter  
© 1996 Excerpts from the English translation of Lectionary for Mass  
Psalm verses from the Contemporary English Version, Music: GIA Publications, Inc.

## UNDERSTANDING THE READING

### MUSIC TO PREPARE

Resucitó..... Kiko Argüello  
© 1972 OCP Publications

### TODAY’S READING

Mark 16:1-8

### MUSIC TO PREPARE

Resucitó..... Kiko Argüello  
© 1972 OCP Publications

### GOOD NEWS APPLIED TO LIFE

Hope Beyond Words..... Pastor, Glenn Seefeldt

### HYMN OF THE DAY

River of Hope..... Susan J. Paul; Arr. Jeanne Cotter  
©2003 GIA Publications, Inc.; Arr. 2024 Mythic Rain  
CCLI# 693447, CCS# 7832

## PRAYERS

### GIFTS ARE GATHERED

### OFFERING MUSIC

This Joyful Eastertide ..... North Shore Brass  
Dutch folk tune; Arr: Ed Hirschman  
© Arr: ArtOfSoundMusic.com

### PRAYER FOR GIFTS GATHERED

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION

Air on the G String ..... North Shore Brass  
J.S.Bach; Trans: A. Frankenpohl  
© Public Domain

O Taste and See ..... Marty Haugen  
©1993 GIA Publications, Inc

### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING SONG

Sing With All the Saints in Glory ..... Text: William J. Jones, Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven  
© Public Domain

### DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

Hornpipe..... North Shore Brass  
George Frederic Handel  
© Sound Ideas Publications

### North Shore Brass

Pam Humphrey, Trumpet; Graham Taylor, Trumpet; Chuck Hodgson, Horn;  
Peter Enbloom, Trombone; Greg Sackreiter, Tuba

WorshipCast: License #7832; CVLI: License #503906343; CCLI: License #693447; OneLicense: License #A-704102  
Augsburg Fortress: Hymn License #SBL11914H; Liturgy License #SBL11914L

# Easter Flower Donations

## THANK YOU!

- Lois Anderson
- Sheila Ashenbrenner  
*In loving memory of  
Mother/Grandmother*
- Pat Carley  
*In loving memory of  
Frank & Lois Carley*
- Pat Carley  
*In loving memory of  
Ilias Bailey*
- Elaine & Foster Cole
- Betty Cornwell  
*In loving memory of  
Dave Cornwell*
- Ann Danko
- Rob Delaune & Michelle Gustafson
- Linda Hausmann
- Beverly Henry
- Holy & Jason Dayton  
*In loving memory of  
son Emerson Dayton*
- Gary & Julie Kimball
- Milton Magnison
- Adeline & Freda Myhrwold  
*In loving memory of  
Arvid Myhrwold*
- Scott & Sandy Nygaard
- Karen Paulsen  
*In loving memory of  
Brian Paulsen*
- Mark & Joan Salisbury
- Peter & Sharyl Stenson
- Jen Wannan  
*In loving memory of  
Doug and Wendy Wannan*

Names are current  
as of 3/27/2024

As the three women  
walked to the tomb of  
Jesus, they wondered,  
“Who will roll away the stone for us from the  
entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up,  
they saw that the stone, which was very large,  
had already been rolled back.

Mark 16:2-4

## Invitations for All Ages

### Welcome To Nativity Church!

If you would like to know more about Nativity, you are invited to visit the Welcome Center located near the Welcome Desk or speak with the staff member or volunteer there. There's so much more to learn! Sign up for our e-newsletter for the latest news, announcements, resources, and events. **GO TO: [nativitychurch.org/newsletter](http://nativitychurch.org/newsletter) or scan this QR code.**



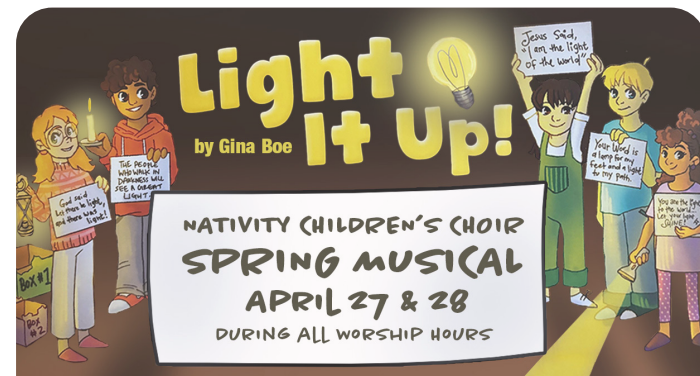
### Don't Miss the Easter Promises Scavenger Hunt! Easter Sunday, 10:00 am

Kids! Join us on Easter Sunday for a fun scavenger hunt around the church to celebrate God's Easter Promises. Grab an egg carton outside the Sanctuary at 10:00 am (between the worship hours), and look for butterflies to lead the way!



### Gratitude to Our Community & Guests!

Thank you for your incredible support of our Palm Weekend Pancake Breakfast & Dinner. We served over 200 people with more than 1000 pancakes! We appreciate your providing space for our youth to enjoy the friendships they have, community we share, and the experience of servant-leadership.



### Adult Enrichment & Faith Formation Activities

Nativity provides a variety of opportunities for spiritual deepening as individuals and in community. Where is God calling you today? We invite you to explore that call through adult faith formation and enrichment activities.

- **Vital Aging:** Nativity values its senior members. Many of these opportunities are during the day to accommodate retirement or semi-retirement schedules.
- **Spiritual Coaching:** A one-to-one ministry with a trained spiritual director for the purpose of questioning and growing in faith while balancing the challenges of life.
- **Adult Bible Study:** Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at Nativity (and online) every Wednesday 10:00-11:30 am. We study the scriptures, their historical context, and ways they apply today.
- **Book Groups:** Nativity hosts a variety of book groups covering spiritual topics and social justice issues that challenge and deepen our faith. Groups meet in person or online Saturday well as Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

You'll find many other enrichment opportunities at Nativity, including weekly yoga classes, the Prayer Shawl ministry, contemplative activities, Sunday adult faith formation sessions, LSS women's group, and more.



We invite you to explore our website at [NativityChurch.org](http://NativityChurch.org) and to share your interest on the insert if you'd like to be contacted to learn more.

## Invitations for All Ages



### Children, Youth & Family Ministries at Nativity

Nativity offers year-round activities for children and youth, including Sunday faith formation classes, music groups, summer programs, service & learning trips, confirmation, and more.

Nativity is a loving community where kids and their families can practice faith habits like prayer, worship, Bible study, giving, and service to others. Nativity partners with parents to nurture faith by encouraging kids to love God and love our neighbor.

During the school year, our children's choirs (Ages 4- Grade 6) practice on Wednesday evenings, building community, sustaining learning and creativity, and preparing music for worship.

In high school, we focus on service projects, peer support, leadership skills, and building community. Students will explore their personal relationship with God and define what they believe. Not only are teens able to learn and grow as people, but they'll be part of a supportive



community that has a lot of fun together!

**Would you like to learn more about our children's programming at Nativity? Scan the QR code here for more information, or note your interest on the insert.**

### Spend Summer with Nativity!

Registration for all summer programs is now open! Nativity's Children, Youth & Family team provides opportunities for families and children of all ages to explore their relationship with God and to find and celebrate community at Nativity and beyond.

Day camps, service and learning trips, summer faith formation classes, Luther Park Camp (including Family Camp) fill our summer with love, laughter, and learning. We want everyone to be able to access our programming, and scholarships are available.



Contact Director of CYF Ministries, Renee Hoffmann at [Renee@NativityChurch.org](mailto:Renee@NativityChurch.org). To register for Luther Park or Family Camp, please visit [LutherPark.com/](http://LutherPark.com/).



### Celebrating Service at Nativity

Nativity Lutheran Church is called by God to love courageously, give generously, and proclaim the Gospel through our actions. We believe our personal journeys of faith are challenged and strengthened by responding to the world's needs and by committing ourselves to making a positive impact in the world.

Nativity has eight Outreach Ministries made of action teams and mission partners.

- **Hunger & Food**
- **Environment & Sustainability**
- **Racial Equity & Justice**
- **Pride Outreach**
- **Mental Health**
- **Homelessness & Housing**
- **Global Ministries**
- **Lutheran Partnerships**

The Nativity Outreach Teams engage members of the Nativity Community in justice, outreach, and service opportunities. We can make a bigger impact together!



**To learn more about Nativity Outreach opportunities, check the insert, or contact Deacon Kyle Soderberg at (612) 388-7135 or [Kyle@NativityChurch.org](mailto:Kyle@NativityChurch.org)**



### Leave the Midweek Cooking to Us!

Join us for dinner each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30 pm. Meals are \$6.00/person or \$20/family. All meals include a side, drinks, salad, veggies/fruit, and dessert. Gluten-free and vegan options will be available.

- April 3..... Sloppy Joes
- April 10..... Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- April 17..... Taco Night
- April 24..... Baked Ziti

*As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."*

*After hearing the young man's words, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

*Mark 16:5-6 & 8*

## You're Invited to Worship With Us!

**Saturday** Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st & 3rd weekends.

**5:30 pm** Nativity offers three worship hours every weekend. Each offer a blend of music and worship styles.

**Sunday** All services are livestreamed on our website: [nativitychurch.org/live-stream](http://nativitychurch.org/live-stream). Check out our Sunday worship archive on our website and on our YouTube channel.

**9:00 am**

**10:30 am**

## Loved by God, we love others courageously.

Nativity aspires to be an inclusive community of faith that loves and accepts people of every race & culture, age & ability, family structure & economic status, and every sexual orientation, gender identity & gender expression. We love and accept you as you are, wherever you are in your spiritual journey.

Freed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and called to love God and one another, we commit to serving and advocating for those who are marginalized and oppressed, striving for racial equity and wealth equality, and caring for this planet we all share. We will not do this work perfectly. We will fall short and fail at times. And so, we humbly commit, as well, to the holy work of listening, learning, repentance, and growing together. In this way, we live into our identity as followers of Jesus, constantly rising to new life by the grace of God.



**Nativity  
Lutheran Church**

3312 Silver Lake Rd. | St. Anthony, MN 55418  
[churchoffice@nativitychurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@nativitychurch.org) | 612.781.2766  
[www.nativitychurch.org](http://www.nativitychurch.org)



We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.  
[ReconcilingWorks.org](http://ReconcilingWorks.org)