

# Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Mutual Greeting

## Gathering

\*Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” GPH #388 (1,3,4,5)

\*Call to Worship from Psalm 57

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

**Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

**I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**Let your glory be over all the earth!**

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Votum:

People of God, from where does our help come?

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

\*God’s Greeting

\*Hymn “Low in the Grave Christ Lay” GPH #396 (1-3)

Reading from Matthew 27:51–28:10

\*Hymn “I Serve a Risen Savior” GPH #405 (1,2)

## Easter Litany

Christ died for all, in order that we who are alive may live no longer for themselves but for him who died for them and rose again.

**Thanks be to God, who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If any are in Christ, they are a new creation; the former things have passed away: behold, they are made new.

**Thanks be to God, who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

**Thanks be to God, who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

You were buried together with Christ in baptism, and in him also you rose again through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.

**Thanks be to God, who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

“Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

**Thanks be to God, who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn “This Joyful Eastertide”

GPH #403 (1-3)

## Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (page 1142)

Sermon: “**If Christ Has Not Been Raised**”

## Response & Sending

Prayer of Response

\*Hymn “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” GPH #413 (1-5)

Congregational Prayer

Offering received for Sos & Kara Maletoungou and Christian Education

\*Hymn “O Praise the Name” (Anastasis)

\*Blessing

\*Doxology “Praise the Savior, Now and Ever” GPH #400 (1,3,4)

\*Postlude

*\*If you are able, please stand*

Minister of the Word: Rev. Stephen Terpstra

Organist: Vi Kuiken

Pianist: Christine Terpstra

## Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Welcome to worship today! We are glad you have chosen to worship God with us!

Nursery is available on the lower level of the church for child care. Refreshments are served after the morning worship service. Please stay and visit.

### This Week

#### Today

- 9:30 a.m.      Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m.      Combined Easter Worship Service

#### Tuesday, April 7

- 7:00 p.m.      All Things
- 8:00 p.m.      Dust to Glory Bible Study

#### Wednesday, April 8

- 3:45 p.m.      Youth Group Service Project at the Gospel Mission
- 6:45 p.m.      GEMS
- 6:50 p.m.      Cadets
- 7:00 p.m.      Service at the Pioneer Home CU 6 (De Jong/Kuiken)

#### Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m.      Women's Bible Study

#### Sunday, April 12

- 9:30 a.m.      Worship Service  
Offerings: Dordt University and Christian Education
- 10:50 a.m.      Sunday School and Catechism Classes
- 10:50 a.m.      Mission Emphasis Presentation by Mark Tiemersma
- 4:15 p.m.      LIFE
- 6:00 p.m.      Worship Service  
Offering: Unity Christian High School
- 7:15 p.m.      Faith Fellowship – Please bring a snack to share

### General Announcements

**Please Note:** Children and Worship, Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today. All classes will resume next Sunday.

Our service this evening is a combined Easter service here at First. Rev. Stephen Terpstra will bring a message from John 20:11-22 "Easter Peace". An offering will be received in support of the Family Crisis Center.

**From the Missions Committee:** Mission Emphasis Week is almost here! After the morning service next Sunday, April 12, Mr. Mark Tiemersma will talk about missions. On Wednesday, April 15, we are hosting a church work night to make homemade laundry detergent for the Orange City Food Pantry. There is a sign-up sheet available if you plan to attend. Thank you to those who have already donated items! If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Missions Committee. (Pat Ahrenholz, Rod De Groot, LeRoy De Jager, Matt Faulkner, Pastor Jordan Helming, Jeremy Mills, Ross Oolman)

**Bridal Shower:** On Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., there will be an open house bridal shower for Gracie Schoonhoven & Jake Van Donge, and Ava Nykamp & Shane Habben. Come and go as it works for you.

### Serving in Ministry

	Today (4/5)	Next Sunday (4/12)
AM Refreshments	Easter Breakfast – No refreshments	Ed & Ethel Kruid Jeremy & Jenn Mills
AM Nursery	Maria Byker Nancy Kroeze Kylie De Groot	Audrey Schuller Christina Zuiderveen Caden Van Schepen
Children and Worship	No Children and Worship	Leader: Jenn Mills Greeter: Madison Schuller
PM Nursery	Sarah Pluim Sophia Terpstra	Christine Terpstra Haley Schuller
Greeters	SE-Darrell & Cindy Schuller FHW-Bert & Kristi Reinders	SE-Shane & Denise Schuller FHW-Shannon & Bethany Schuller
Media	Phil Kuiken Tyce Van Donge Greg De Groot Matt Van Schepen	Ryan Van Schouwen Drew Noteboom Jon Hellinga
Intentional Greeter	AM-Mark Zylstra PM-Ken Timmermans	AM-Nate Zuiderveen PM-Loren Dykstra

**Family Visiting Schedule for Monday, April 13, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

*Rev. Stephen Terpstra and Rod De Groot*

Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen; Ken & Patty Timmermans

*Rev. Jordan Helming and Brian Kroeze*

Grant & Heidi De Groot; Elaine Van Engen

*Doug Schuller and Kevin Van Donge*

Loren & Melissa Dykstra; Mark & Cindy Huizenga

*Bob De Jong and Don Snieder*

Josh & Ema McBrayer; Bert & Kristi Reinders

**April Ushers:**

SW-Tyler Van Schouwen      SE-Logan Dykstra

Center-Wade Haarsma, Ross Bolkema

**Advanced Notices:**

April 15 – Mission Emphasis Work Night

April 18 – Open House Bridal Shower for Gracie Schoonhoven/Jake Van Donge and Ava Nykamp/Shane Habben, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

April 26 PM – Combined Worship at Immanuel for GEMS Sunday