

# Easter Vigil 2026

7:30 p.m. April 4, 2026

## Service of the Word—Hymns and Readings

*Service Notes: Follow the Easter Vigil order of service. This year's readings are listed below. Psalms and canticles follow in response to the readings and are found in the hymnal. Please pray and sing the psalms and canticles with the choir as indicated.*

### The Creation: Genesis 1:1—2:3

**Response:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Setting by Hugo Distler

- *Sung by the choir*

### The Flood: Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

**Response—LSB 597:** “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

- *Sung by the congregation*

### The Sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22:1-18

**Response—LSB 777:** “Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord”

- *Sung by the congregation and choir in four-part harmony*

### Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10—15:1

**Response—LSB 925:** “Song of Moses and Israel” – LSB 925

- *Congregation sings the refrain*
- *Verses sung responsively with the choir*

### A New Heart and a New Spirit: Ezekiel 36:24-28

**Response—LSB 261:** Old Testament Cantic: The Song of Isaiah

- *Congregation sings the refrain: “The Lord God is my strength and my song...”*
- *Verses sung by the choir: “With joy will you draw water...”*

### Job Confesses the Redeemer: Job 19:20-27

**Response—Psalm 16**

- *Sung responsively with the choir using a double psalm tone*
- *Verses 9 and 1 serves as the antiphon and are sung by the choir at the beginning and conclusion of the psalm.*

### The Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1-30

**Response—LSB 931:** “All You Works of the Lord”

- *Odd verses sung by the women and children*
- *Even verses sung by the men*
- *Refrain sung by all*

## Resurrection Gospel: John 20:1-18

### Distribution Hymns:

- 487 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”
- 468 “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”
- 467 “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” (stanzas 1-5)

### Hymn to Depart:

- 467 “Awake, My Hear, with Gladness” (stanzas 6-7)

## New Members

*The following new members have been received since last year's Vigil and are recognized as new members of the congregation tonight during the Service of Holy Baptism. B=Baptized; C=Baptized and Confirmed*

### Baptisms (since last Easter Vigil)

05-04-2025 Vivian Esther Schneider  
08-31-2025 Esther Rose Gierach  
11-02-2025 Rosie Grace Franklin  
03-01-2026 Heidi Isabelle Haga

### Confirmations (tonight at the Easter Vigil)

04-04-2026 Elise Katherine Galis (C)  
John 8:31b-32  
04-04-2026 Brenda Lee Post (C)  
Ephesians 2:8-9

### First Communion (since last Easter Vigil)

02-22-2026 Mary Bender (EC)  
02-22-2026 Elias Giordano (EC)  
04-02-2026 Elizabeth Bender (EC)

### Transfers In (since last Easter Vigil)

07-24-2025 Mindy Liesener (C)  
10-21-2025 Glen Burk (C)  
02-17-2026 Eunice Dissen (C)

### Profession of Faith (since last Easter Vigil)

10-21-2025 Joshua Fischer (C)  
03-17-2026 Judith Noennig (C)  
04-04-2026 Dolan Dybdahl (C)  
04-04-2026 Nicholas David Galis (C)  
(Reaffirmation of Confirmation; John 10:27-28)