



April 20, 2025



North Garland
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ,
growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.**

Today's Events:

Easter Breakfast:
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt:
After Worship

Upcoming Events:

- April 23** – Meal: Chicken Tortillas, Pasta Salad, Dessert
- April 26** – Ladies Day: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Garriott Road CoC
- April 30** – Meal: Walking Tacos, Salad, Cookies
- May 4** – Going Away Party for Leonie Hel: 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Building
- May 6** – Men's/Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- May 6** – Serve Lunch at the Alva Bible Chair
- May 11** – Elders/Deacons Meeting: After Worship (Wayne Williams)
- May 18** – Senior Sunday
- May 20** - Men's/Women's Bible Study: 10-11 a.m.
- May 25** – Baby Shower for Kaitlyn Wilson

For Our Guests:

- Our guest WIFI password is Mark1615.
- Individual communion cups are located on the small table behind the pillar in the back of the auditorium.
- Our nursery, located in the hallway behind the foyer, is staffed with ladies that would love to help you. There is also a nursing mothers' room that is accessed by walking through the nursery.

Order of Worship

.....	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>
Song Leader/Welcome	Robb Mills
.....	<i>Living Hope</i>
.....	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Communion Talk	Derek Tinius
Servers	Wayne Williams, Dan Kent, Michael Granberg
.....	Cooper Thornton, John Granberg, Aaron LeCrone
#528.....	<i>I Know</i>
#346.....	<i>He Lives</i>
#464.....	<i>Because He Lives</i>
Prayer.....
.....	<i>Firm Foundation</i>
.....	<i>All in All</i>
Sermon: He Is Risen	Erik Granberg
#851.....	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Meek
Nursery	Joy Williams, Carrie Mills
Sound Booth/Slides	Jim Coker
Children's Church Teacher/Helper	Katana Jones, Macy Mills

Sermon Scripture:

Matthew 28:1-15

Sermon Thought:

Through the resurrection, death has been defeated. What once was the great equalizer-inescapable and permanent-is now just a doorway for those who are in Christ. Jesus didn't just escape death; he conquered it. The cross was the payment, but the empty tomb is the receipt. It's God's declaration that sin is forgiven, the grave has no grip, and eternal life is now available.

Sermon Questions:

1. How does the resurrection of Jesus change the way you view death and eternity?
2. If death has been defeated, how should that shape the way we live our daily lives?
3. What does it look like to live in "resurrection victory"-not just on Easter, but every day?

This Week's Birthdays:

21st.....Cory Moore
24thTrenn Watson

This Week's Anniversaries:

23rd Cory & Kelli Moore

Next Week's (4/27/25) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Dee Plummer

Communion

Talk: Jim Coker

Servers:

Kaiser Webb
Cole Roberts
Gordon Jantz
Brandon Jones
Dudley Darrow
Michael Armour

Shepherd's

Prayer: Terry Sherrill

Sound Booth/

Slides: Dudley Darrow

Nursery:

Kayla Thornton
Gina Thornton

Children's

Church: Katana Jones
Meredith
Plummer

Wednesday

**Toddler/
Preschool
Teacher:** Katana Jones
(23rd)

Greeters

For April: Pam Denney
Krystal Wright

Communion

Prep for April: Susan Oldham

Wash

**Baptismal
Garments
In April:** Jovita Lang

Crucified on the Cross

"An Empty Tomb"

One of the most dreaded times I had as a young boy was the emptiness I felt when our company left after a weekend of fun and excitement. I felt so alone and empty lying in bed trying to go to sleep. Throughout life we have those moments of disappointment when we are overwhelmed by a feeling of emptiness. We feel lost and all alone. It is difficult to go on, until a family member or friend takes our hand and lifts us up.

I can't begin to imagine what Mary and the disciples felt after Jesus' crucifixion when they found **an empty tomb**. They had to be overwhelmed with an empty feeling of emotions having their Lord and friend crucified and now his body is missing from the tomb. Mary reported to the disciples "*They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him*" (Jn. 20:2). You can feel the emotions in her words as she doesn't know what to do. Just like us, she felt lost and all alone at that moment. Matthew records a touching part of this encounter with **an empty tomb**. An angel told Mary "*He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead*" (Matt. 27:6-7). It must have been difficult for them to go on, but guess what? "*Jesus met them and said, 'Hail!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him*" (Matt. 28:9). This is great news! **An empty tomb** means that Jesus lives having paid the price for our sins and then overcome death. He now takes us by the hand in the emptiness of our lives and leads us gently home where he is now seated with the Father. So, when we experience those empty moments in our lives, let us reflect on the hope we have that comes from **an empty tomb**. It is our eternal life in heaven.

Gordon Jantz

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the trip to Alva a success. Especially to Roger Owen and Jeanita Meek for taking their vehicles. We served around 80 students from Northwestern State University. The students were very appreciative of the meal. North Garland has agreed to bring meals to the students twice a semester. We are going for the second time, May 6th. We are asking for donations. You can give your donation to one of the elders.

Sincerely,
Jovita Lang

