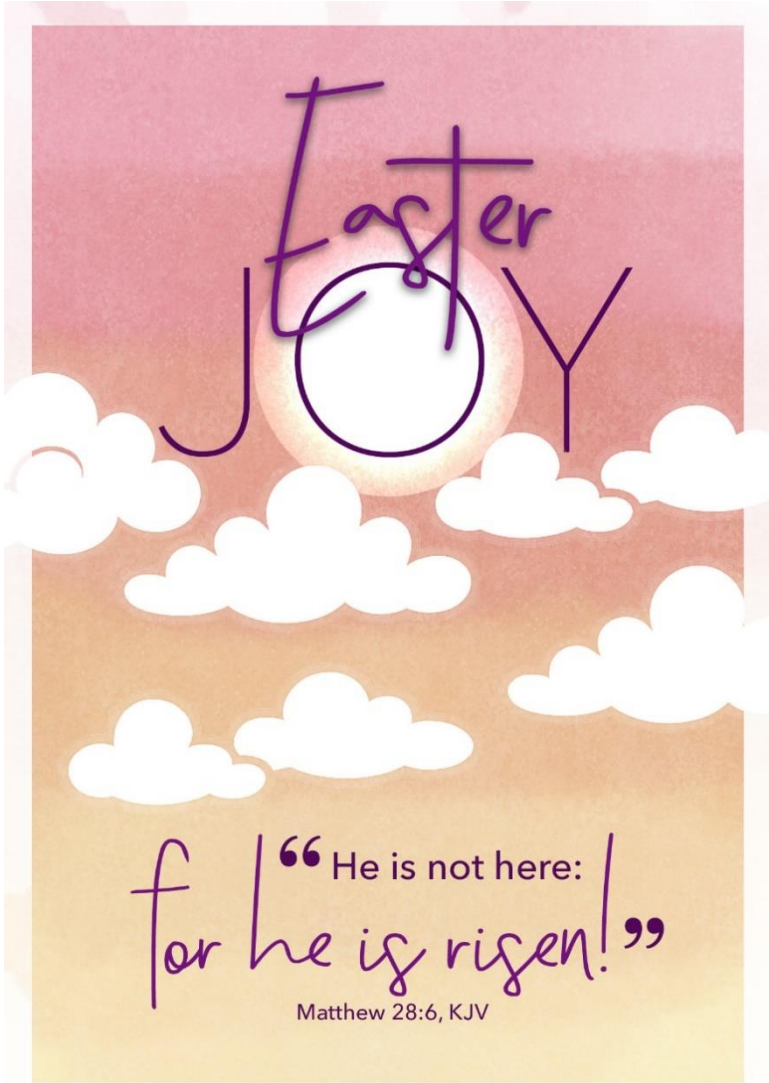


Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
10:30 a.m.



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen.**

EASTER GOSPEL, PART 1 Matthew 28:1-6a (*The angel announces Christ's resurrection.*)

Pastor: Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women,

"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said!"

EASTER RESPONSE

P Christ is risen, alleluia!

C **He is ris'n indeed, alleluia!**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *LSB 457*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king,
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love;

Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave,
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host,

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Latin, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3, alt.
 Tune: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

EASTER HYMN
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PSALM Psalm 16

L You will not abandon my soul to the grave, or let Your holy one see corruption. Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

C **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."**

L As for the saints in the land,

C **they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

L The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

C **their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

L The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

C **You hold my lot.**

L The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C **indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

L I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C **in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L I have set the LORD always before me;

C **because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C **my flesh also dwells secure.**

L For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

C **or let Your holy one see corruption.**

L You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

All: **You will not abandon my soul to the grave, or let Your holy one see corruption.**

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to meet by the Cross for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:43-43

R Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-4

R If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

intro: one chord

C Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter - nal - life. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

EASTER GOSPEL, PART 2 Matthew 28:5-10 (*The angel commands spreading the news.*)

P The angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 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, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you."

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

EASTER RESPONSE

- P** Christ is risen, alleluia!
C **He is ris'n indeed, alleluia!**
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C **He is ris'n indeed, alleluia!**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Let us pray for ourselves, for all who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, for the whole body of Christ, and for all people according to their needs. For ourselves, that the reality of Christ's resurrection would cause us to consider those things that are above, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For all who trust that our Lord has paid for our sins once and for all, that they use all their resources to tell the world that salvation is available to everyone who trusts in Him, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For the whole body of Christ, that the bedrock faith of Jesus' resurrection will be the foundation for new dialogue and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For all who are burdened by the things of this world, by doubt or fear, by sickness or grief, that the Holy Spirit would give them a confident faith that trusts in God, who raised Jesus from death, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For all who must deal with chronic ills and medical emergencies, (*especially ...*) that God would strengthen their faith to trust Him until He grants them the healing that He knows is best, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For all who mourn on this holy day (*especially ...*), that the Holy Spirit would strengthen them through their days of darkness until they may find their faith renewed in Easter confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.

OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER

introduction

C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, ' and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer
now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give
us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C 
And al - so with you.

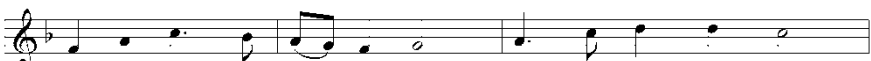
P Lift up your hearts.

C 
We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


C  It is right to give him thanks _____ and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

 san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P 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 for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

THE LAMB OF GOD

C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN “Christ Has Arisen” LSB 466

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;

Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

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E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
 Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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HYMN "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" LSB 467

1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;

Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
 Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.

My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
 Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
 It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
 Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages,
 Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free,
 No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

Stand

THE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

intro: one chord

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what
 he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and
 proud-ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is - es

and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts
of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** Amen.

P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Hallelujah! from Messiah

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

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Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.