

 GRACE LUTHERAN



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

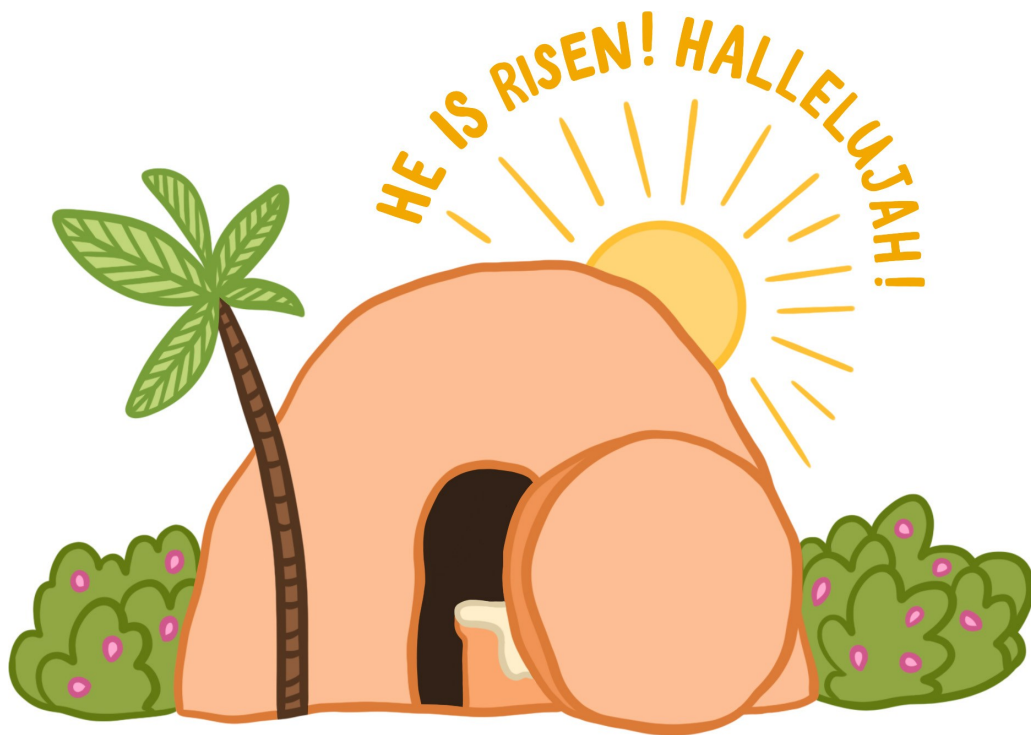
APRIL 5, 2026

10:45 AM

SPECIAL NOTES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

ALL INTERESTED SINGERS are invited to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the service! Participants, please make your way to the balcony after communing. Music sheets will be provided.

PICK UP EASTER LILIES after worship today and take them home with you.



THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

APRIL 25, 2026

10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Easter Rejoicing”

Linda R. Lamb

(Trinity Bells)

“Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem”

Kevin Hildebrand

(Grace Chorale)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand and turn to face the cross as it enters)

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made!

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **that we may declare Your praise!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

Hymn 457

(Organ & Brass)

*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: On the morning of our Lord’s Resurrection, the women approached the tomb in fear. When an earthquake rumbled and an angel descended, the guards shook with fear. Coming before a Holy God in worship today, we have every reason to be afraid. Just as our gracious God sent an angel that first Easter morning to say, “Do not be afraid,” so the same words are spoken to our hearts this morning. Our gracious

God invites us to come into His presence, acknowledge our fears, confess our sins and receive the peace of Christ's Easter victory.

(Please kneel or be seated)

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: **we confess that we have let earthly matters cloud our vision, dim our joy, and close our lips. We have failed to view Your victory and grace through the message of Your Holy Word. Instead, we have relied on our own limited understanding and feared what could happen. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as much as we have loved ourselves. In Your great mercy, forgive us. By Your Holy Spirit, assure us of Your victory over sin, death and the power of the devil on our behalf. Inspire us to share Your resurrection victory and to live our lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, upon the confession of our sins, God has good news for us. Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death for you and me. He willingly went to the cross to pay the price our sins deserved. In Christ's death and resurrection, God forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Therefore, as a servant of the Word, I forgive you all of your sins, in the Name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"This Is the Feast"

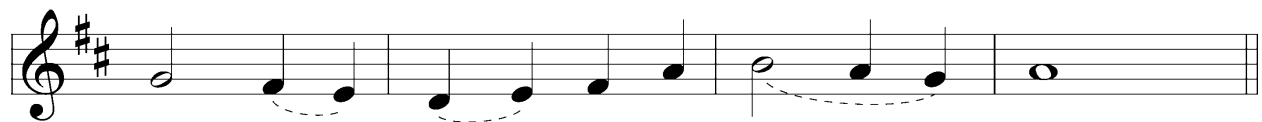
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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

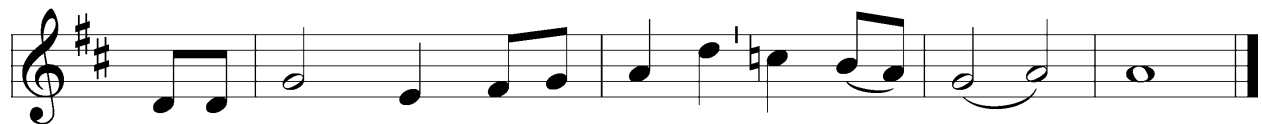


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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.

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23-27a

²³"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
(Trinity Bells)

Kevin McChesney

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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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.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-11

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People:

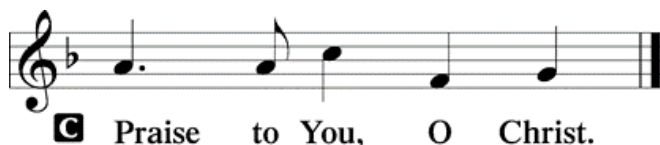
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸So the women hurried away from

the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." ¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***SERMON HYMN** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Hymn 465

SERMON

"Triumphantly Risen!"

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Pastor: Let us pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church as it witnesses to our Lord's resurrection.

Pastor: As the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid," we pray for all who awaken this day with fear of war, violence, discrimination, or various forms of injustice.

People: Accompany these people, O Father of the Risen Lord, and graciously give them strength and protection until they find days of peace and security.

Pastor: As the angel invited the women, "See the place where they laid Him," we pray for all who work in hospitals, nursing facilities and hospices on this holy day.

People: O Spirit of the Risen Lord, dry the eyes of those who mourn the death of loved ones, give comforting words to those who minister, perseverance to those who are ill, and protection and skill to health workers in all professions.

Pastor: As the angel urged the women, "Go tell His disciples," we pray for all who carry the Good News of Christ's victory over death to their homes, neighborhoods and to the nations around the world.

People: O Risen Lord, encourage and bless our brothers and sisters who announce your resurrection in the company of friends and spread its joy.

Pastor: As Job wanted his words written in a book, we pray for all who write laws, all who maintain order in society and everyone in harm's way at home and abroad.

People: O Father of the Risen Lord, give wisdom to those who deliberate in houses of government, courage to those who respond to conflict in our communities and protection to men and women in the defense of life around the world.

Pastor: Into Your hands, Heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

*HOLY COMMUNION

*PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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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.

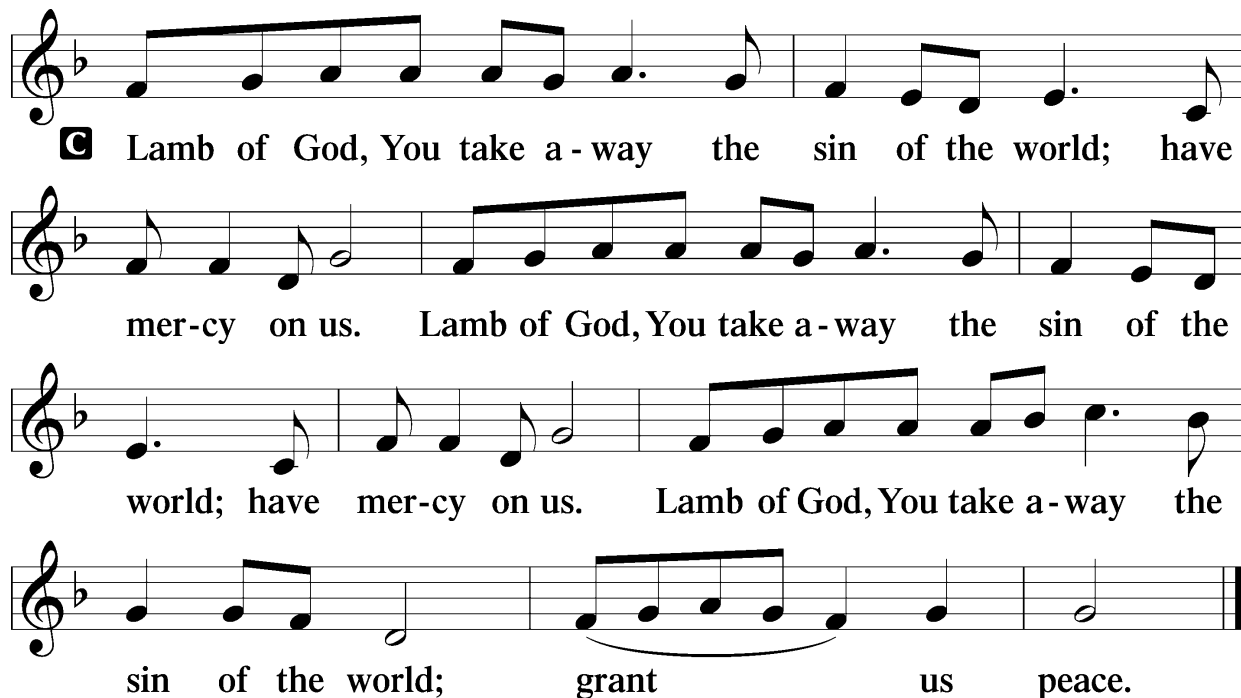
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)

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

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“I Am Content” (*Grace Chorale*)
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
“The Day of Resurrection”

John Behnke
Hymn 461
Hymn 478

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ grant you peace.

People: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL ANTHEM

“Hallelujah Chorus”
(Choir & Brass)

G.F. Handel

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord! (*vocal applause*)

Pastor: Go in Easter peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony no. 5”

Charles-Marie Widor

THE PARTICIPANTS

10:45 AM

Preacher

Celebrant

Liturgist

Organist/Bell and Choir Director

Instrumentalists

Trumpet

Alto Saxophone

Timpani

Elder on Duty

Communion Deacons

Lectors

Greeters

Crucifer

Acolytes

Banner Bearers

Ushers

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

The Rev. Steven M. Braun

Vicar Stephen Moore

Thomas Schulteis

Steven Brooks, Edward Thomas

Jon Peterson

Peter Carrerou

Martha Walker

Ron Booth, Carl Locke, Sue Ramer

Ed Smith, Nikki Smith

Barry & Pat Walker, Chase Walker

Lilliann Witcher

Sylvia Ullrich, Annie Witcher

Lucy Terry, Vera Terry

*Janice Graydon, Douglas Hall, Ernie Harben,
Bonnie Petersilge, Rob Petersilge, Larry Walker*

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