



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THE
FIRSTFRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.

EASTER'S FLOODGATES ARE

open

EASTER HE IS RISEN!

« OUT OF AN EMPTY TOMB FLOWS LIFE TO THE FULL. »

Service Focus:

Life Full of Stability

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026



GOOD NEWS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us for our service today. You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. We do so relying on Jesus' promise that, wherever two or three come together in his name, he is present among them to deliver his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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Time of Year: Easter

Although every Sunday of the year commemorates Jesus' resurrection, the Sundays of Easter make it their central focus. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by the seven weeks of Easter as we celebrate our Savior's victory over the grave.



Easter Series: Easter's Floodgates Are Open

There are moments in time from which there is no going back. Certain events leave our world and our lives changed forever. Jesus' resurrection is one such moment. When Jesus' tomb was opened and shown to be empty, it unleashed a flood of blessings on our world that can never and will never be contained. Life's floodgates have been opened, and they can never be closed.

April 5	Easter Sunrise Vigil	Swept Up in the Flood
April 5	Easter Festival Service	Full Life's Headwaters
April 12	Easter 2	Life Full of Certainty
April 19	Easter 3	Life Full of Hope
April 26	Easter 4	Life Full of Security
May 3	Easter 5	Life Full of Stability
May 10	Easter 6	Life Full of Meaning
May 17	Ascension	Life Full of Purpose

Service Focus

This week we see how life full of stability flows from Jesus' empty tomb. Jesus' resurrection from the dead validates every claim he made about himself, including his claim to be the only path to salvation. Because he has risen, those who trust in him are standing on solid ground. All who call on his name will be saved.

Prayer before the Service

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service



Stand

*This is known as
the Paschal
Greeting. During
the Easter Season,
whenever the
minister says,
“Christ is risen!”,
the people
respond loudly,
“He is risen
indeed!”*

Invocation*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Confession

We are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

**Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves
but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

*2 Corinthians
5:14-15*

* The paschal candle (*paschal* means related to Easter) is a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among his people. Normally the paschal candle is placed near the baptismal font and is lit only for baptisms and funerals. During the season of Easter, it is placed in the chancel near the altar and is lit for every service.

Because we often live for ourselves, let us confess our sins, confident in the forgiveness of him who lived, died, and rose for us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
for sins of habit and sins of choice,
for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
you should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from an empty way of life,

but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 1:18–19

God has made Jesus, who was crucified, both Lord and Messiah by raising him from the dead. Exalted at God's right hand, he now pours out the blessings of his resurrection by his Holy Spirit in the words he sends his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:33,36

Amen.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalms 118:24

Song of Praise

Rise My Soul, the Lord Is Risen



1 Rise my soul, the Lord is ris - en; come be - hold the
2 Rest my soul, the Lord is ris - en; love's re - deem - ing
3 Peace my soul, the Lord is ris - en; come and have your



emp - ty grave. See the place where dark - ness laid him;
work is done. Now the Fa - ther sees his chil - dren
hope re - newed. For this tri - al is brief and fleet - ing;



sing for on - ly hope re - mains. Hal - le - lu - jah,
as he sees his sin - less Son. Oh, the won - der,
tears will turn to glo - ry soon. Shout with joy and



praise for - ev - er; death de - feat - ed and life re - stored
oh, the glo - ry; that same fa - vor is now my own.
sound the tri - umph; let the mu - sic of hea - ven roar.



by that great im - mor - tal pow - er. Christ is ris - en, a - rise my soul!
Shame be - hind me, grace be - fore me; Christ is ris - en, a - rise my soul!
Let the boast of death be si - lent; Christ is ris - en, a - rise my soul!

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:8–12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

The miracles Jesus' apostles continued to be able to perform demonstrated the truth about Jesus' name – the only name by which a person can be saved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms have been used by God's people in worship since the Old Testament.

The Church sings Psalm 118 in services that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

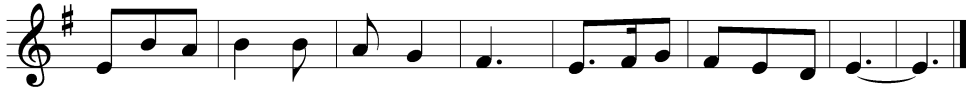
Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4–10

Though rejected by the so-called experts, Jesus' resurrection proves he is the only stone worth building on.

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

By standing and singing “Alleluia” (Praise the Lord) as we prepare to hear the gospel, Christ’s people express their trust in his promise to be present among them through his word.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Refrain



I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Refrain

For disciples who wanted to see the Father, Jesus teaches that all who have seen him have seen the Father and all who trust in him will come to the Father.

Gospel

John 14:1–11

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

510 In Christ Alone

Sermon

Acts 4:8–12

Apostles' Creed *Credo*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection you adopt all who believe in him. Receive us as your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of your Word, that we may dwell in your presence forever. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord God, you have promised to build up your Church to be a holy priesthood, that your people might offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to you. Bless your Church, and guide all congregations in your truth. Bless your Church with faithful leaders and servants of your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father of mercy, you have raised up witnesses in every age and blessed us with those who endured suffering and even death in faithfulness to Christ. May we imitate them in faith and love to speak your truth with boldness. When our last hour comes, let us fall asleep confidently in Jesus and be born into eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, God, for your goodness in hearing the prayers of your people and granting us confidence to approach your throne of mercy. Hear us now in the name of and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

Offering

*Thank you for joining us! Ask a question, request information, or submit a prayer request at **GoodNewsLC.org/connect** (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder). To support our ministry with an offering, visit **GoodNewsLC.org/give**.*

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Be seated

Hymn

868 By Faith

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*Known as the
Aaronic Blessing,
these words have
been spoken to
God's people for
3,500 years.
Wherever God's
name is
proclaimed, God
promises to be
present with his
blessing (Numbers
6:22-27).*

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About Us

Our Mission

Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to help people find relief from life's distressing noise by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's good news.

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Good News Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).