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EASTER *The Resurrection of Our Lord!*

April 5 & 6, 2026

Welcome to Worship! Sin brings separation and death. That sin separates us from God and divides us from one another. But in Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we are united to God once again. Nothing will separate you from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord (Romans 8:39). Thanks be to God!

1st Time Guests, we're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a small hospitality gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation and ministries, ask questions, get connected, and be welcomed in person. We hope you'll join us again soon!

A "**Wee Wiggle Room**" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will not meet today. **An Easter Breakfast is from 7-8:30 a.m. and an Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 9:00 a.m. service.**

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered in all services. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church and wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when standing. Gluten free wafers are in plastic sleeves. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center.

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THE PRELUDE: 9:00 "The Strife is O'er" -Arnold Sherman

6:30, 11:15, 7:00 "The Strife is O'er" - Wilber Held

THE EASTER GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymn 457

Please face the cross as it is carried in and turn as it passes you.

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 (6:30 & 9:00 Sung by Choir)
But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

THE EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!"

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (We pray together)

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. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 19:23-27

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

THE PROCESSION OF THE GOSPEL: *Please stand as directed*

(We read from the center of the church as the risen Christ came to be among His disciples)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10 C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

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. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **(Sing) Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Hymn 477

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled —
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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THE SERMON: "For Us and With Us"

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men

and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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+++ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you. C **And also 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 truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING,

LORD'S PRAYER AND WORD'S OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 461, 633, 465, 464, 466, 469, 478

Anthems: 6:30 & 9:00 "Alleluia! Christ Has Destroyed Death" -Kevin Hildebrand;

11:15 "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast – Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life

And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants
free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! Refrain

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466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Refrain

ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death's fearful sting He has come to
destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was
dispersed. He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did
show. Refrain
- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here. See for
yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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478 The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

THE 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.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Hymn 480

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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THE POSTLUDE: 9:00 "This Joyful Eastertide"

6:30, 11:15, 7:00 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" -Paul Manz

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Preacher: Pastor Blomenberg **Lector:** Vicar Johnston

Liturgists: Pastor Bloch & Pastor Fredstrom **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Adult & Youth Choir(6:30 & 9:00) **Brass**(9:00)

Church Handbells(9:00) **Children's Choir** (11:15)

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