

# Welcome

We are glad that you have joined  
us for worship.

April 5, 2026

**The Festival of the  
Resurrection of Our Lord**

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# Opening Hymn: #438

## **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (vs.1-4)**

V1.

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!

V2.

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!

V3.

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!

V4.

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

# **INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

# RESURRECTION DIALOGUE

P: Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24

P: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Exodus 15:1-2

**C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.**

Psalm 95:2

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim  
what the Lord has done.

Psalm 118:17

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ  
will come again.**

P: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.  
The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Exodus 15:6-7

**C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

1 Corinthians 15:54

P: Where, O death, is your victory? Where,  
O death, is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:55, 57

**C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:10

**C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

Revelation 5:12

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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



# CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

**C: Lord God, I humbly come before you confessing that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ you will have mercy on me.**

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Upon this your confession, by the command and authority of our crucified and risen Lord, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and empty grave are God's signs to you and all the world that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes in him has eternal life. Live in peace with God and go forth with joy. Amen.



# SONG OF PRAISE



Alleluia! Run, O Run to  
Jerusalem

(CHOIR)

# Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered sin, death, and the grave and delivered us from all the power of the enemy. In you we have eternal victory that transforms all our days. ...

**P:** May we arise to live anew before you each morning in righteousness and purity forever through the merits of Jesus Christ, our living Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, time without end.

**C: Amen.**

Please Be Seated



# The Word

FIRST LESSON

**Jonah 2:1-10**

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From the depths of the grave I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.

“You hurled me into the deep,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;  
all your waves and breakers  
swept over me.

“I said, ‘I have been banished  
from your sight;  
yet I will look again  
toward your holy temple.’

The engulfing waters threatened me,  
the deep surrounded me;  
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

“To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in forever.  
But you brought my life up from the pit,  
O LORD my God.

“When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, LORD,  
and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.

“Those who cling to worthless idols  
forfeit the grace that could be theirs.  
But I, with a song of thanksgiving,  
will sacrifice to you.  
What I have vowed I will make good.  
Salvation comes from the LORD.”

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it  
vomited Jonah onto dry land.

# **Hymn: #510 In Christ Alone (vs.1-4)**

V1. In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.

What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all;  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

V2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe;  
this gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

V3. There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine,  
bought with the precious  
blood of Christ.

V4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



# The Word

## SECOND LESSON

**Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then 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.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

# Hymn: #451 See, What a Morning (vs.1-3)

V1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

V2. See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till he appears,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

V3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
thro' the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!

And we are raised with him;  
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.

And we shall reign with him,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!



# The Word

## THIRD LESSON

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve 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 to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**Hymn of the Day: #449**

**This Joyful Eastertide (vs.1-3)**

V1.

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
or faith had been in vain:

but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
but now has Christ arisen!



V2.

Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.

Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
or faith had been in vain:

but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
but now has Christ arisen!



V3.

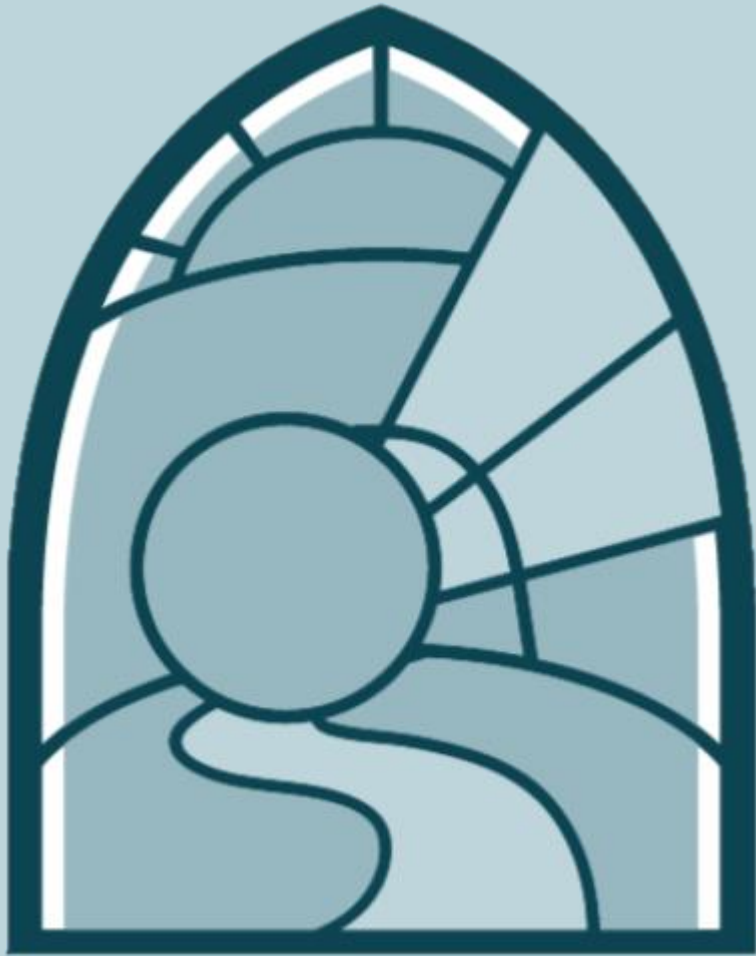
My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
or faith had been in vain:

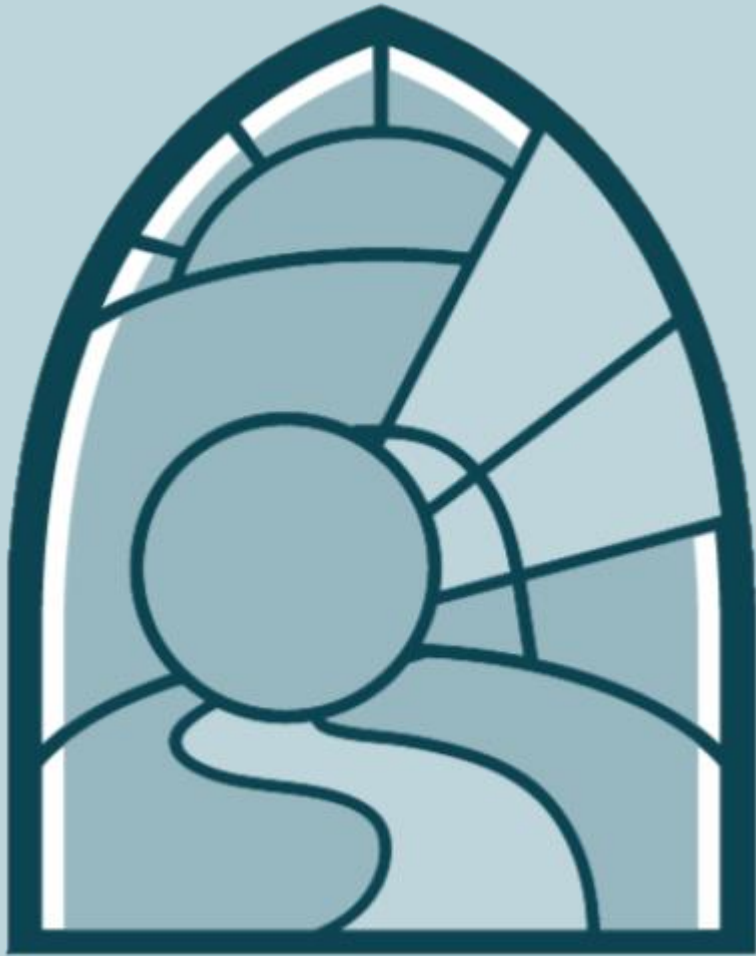
but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
but now has Christ arisen!





**What  
difference does  
it make?**

**EASTER MESSAGE**



**What a  
difference  
Easter makes!**

**EASTER MESSAGE**

# **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

(based on 1 Corinthians 15)

**I believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve Apostles.**

**I believe that Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.**

**I believe that sinful flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Therefore, we will all be changed—in a flash in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.**

**For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must cloth itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality. Then the saying that is written will come true:**

**“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**So then I stand firm and unmoved. I can give myself fully to the work of the Lord, for my labor in the Lord is not in vain. Amen.**

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# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- † Deb Ulman's mother, Doris Heuer, is in hospice care
- † Gloria Marschel's memorial service will be April 18<sup>th</sup>

# LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

# **BLESSING**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

Please Be Seated

## Closing Hymn:

### **#441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

(vs.1-3(all), 5(men), 7(women), 8(all))

V1.(All)

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!

V2.(All)

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

V3.(All)

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.

V5.(Men)

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.

V7.(Women)

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.

V8.(All)

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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*You may take their plants home after the service.*



# THANKS FOR SERVING

- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † Trumpets: Sally Gave and Jeff Siewert
- † Choir
- † Serving: #3- Brian Stein
- † AV Team

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# *Easter Breakfast*



On Us!

