



**Easter Sunday April 5, 2026 8:15**

**Prelude "Jesus Christ is Risen today"**

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

**As We Gather**

**Job needed a strong hand guiding him and a tender heart loving him. And that's exactly what God gives him—and us. Resurrection joy is ours through Job's most famous words, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

## Our Journey to the Tomb: A Time of Confession and Resurrection

- P** People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?
- C** **Because we have nowhere else to go. He had told us that He is the way, the truth and the life.**
- A** People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?
- C** **Because we live in a world that still suffers from wars and hunger, cruelty and bloodshed. Because families are torn apart by greed or death or selfishness. Because individual lives deny or ignore or mock God.**
- P** People of God, approach the tomb! Await the dawn of a new age! Seek the miracle of new life! People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead?
- C** **We come because we long for hope in the midst of grief. We come because we remember His words of resurrection and life, of hope and victory.**
- A** People of God, do not live in death. Do not let sin be your master. Let your hopes be made new again for Jesus Christ has risen to forgive you. He has risen to save you. He has risen to give you life. People of God, today I bring you a message of hope! He is not here. He is risen!
- C** **Yes, the tomb is empty. He is risen!**
- P** He is risen!
- C** **And He is among us!**
- A** Alleluia!
- C** **Alleluia!**
- P** He is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed!**

**"Jesus Christ is Risen Today?" LSB 457 vs 3 choir**

**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!**

**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!**

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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!**

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**The Prayer of the Day**

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

**A** 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.

**C Amen.**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **This Is the Feast (sing)**

**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.**

## **Old Testament**

*Job 19:23–26*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Choir Anthem: "Ring the Easter Bells" by Joseph Martin**

## **Epistle Reading**

*1 Peter 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the

tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461 vs 1,2

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.

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

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:1–10*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

<sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

### "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461 vs 5-8

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.

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.

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.

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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## Sermon "Why? I Know That My Redeemer Lives: Job 19:23-26

### "He's Risen! He's Risen!" LSB 480 vs 1,5

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.

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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## Apostles' Creed

### **☐ Affirmation of Faith – Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed**

**All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God begotten of the Father from all eternity and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, death and the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death; that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

*(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)*

## **Offering Mary Miller "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"**

**by: George Frideric Handel**

### **Prepare our Hearts for Communion**

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

### **Communion Instructions**

*(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

**☞ Thank you Lord for blessing us that we might be a blessing to others. Amen**

## **The Easter Prayer**

**A** Christ is risen!

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

**A** All praise and honor and glory and power and dominion be Yours now and forever. We thank You O Father above that through Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and the Lord of life, You have in His resurrection seized for us glory from humiliation, life from death and victory from defeat. Hear our prayer for the sake of our Risen Savior.

**C** **Alleluia!**

**A** Almighty God, grant that we who celebrate Your Son's Easter victory may have our faith rekindled anew with a desire to drink daily of Him who is the very water of life, even Jesus our Savior. Hear our prayer for the sake of our Risen Savior.

**C** **Alleluia!**

**A** Fill us with new confidence in Your Son's resurrection that in Him we may overcome every doubt and fear that might separate us from You. Enable us to live in the confident faith that our lives even now in this world are hidden with Christ in You. Hear our prayer for the sake of our Risen Savior.

**C** **Alleluia!**

**A** O God, for our redemption You have given Your only-begotten Son to death on the cross and by His glorious resurrection You have delivered us from the power of the enemy. Therefore, grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day a new man may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever. Hear our prayer for the sake of our Risen Savior.

**C Alleluia!**

**A** O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us humbly to enter the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, *Billie Jo, Mary Kay, Kathy Wurzbach, Rick Miller, Karen Baker, Roger Kindt, John Haubold, Jan Peterson, Cindy Maxwell, Armando Florez, Ami Gray, Teo McDonald, Doug Ebersol, Drake Williams, Joe Kuzma, David Glass, Jan Peterson, Cythina Estes, Carla Weikert, Robert Wood, Eric Peterson, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor, Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert* and for Rachel Ford as she mourns the loss of her father. Hear our prayer for the sake of our Risen Savior.

**C Alleluia!**

**A** Heavenly Father, grant that as those who have been crucified with Jesus and raised with Him to new life, we might set our minds on things above, and not on the things of this world, living daily in the hope that when Christ who is our life appears, we also will appear with Him in glory. Hear our prayer for the sake of our Risen Savior.

**C Alleluia!**

**A For Christ is risen!**

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

## Lord's Prayer

**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 Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Distribution Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.

Alleluia!

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!

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!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.

Alleluia!

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!

Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

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!

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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### **Distribution Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!" LSB 474**

Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
    Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
    Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
    Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
    Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
    Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
    Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

City of God,  
Easter forever,  
    Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
    Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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## **The Easter Benediction**

**P** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

## **Hymn to Depart "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465 vs 1,3,4**

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!

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!

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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## The Dismissal

**P** Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**P** For Christ is Risen!

**C** **He is Risen indeed!**

**P** Alleluia!

**C** **Alleluia!**

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