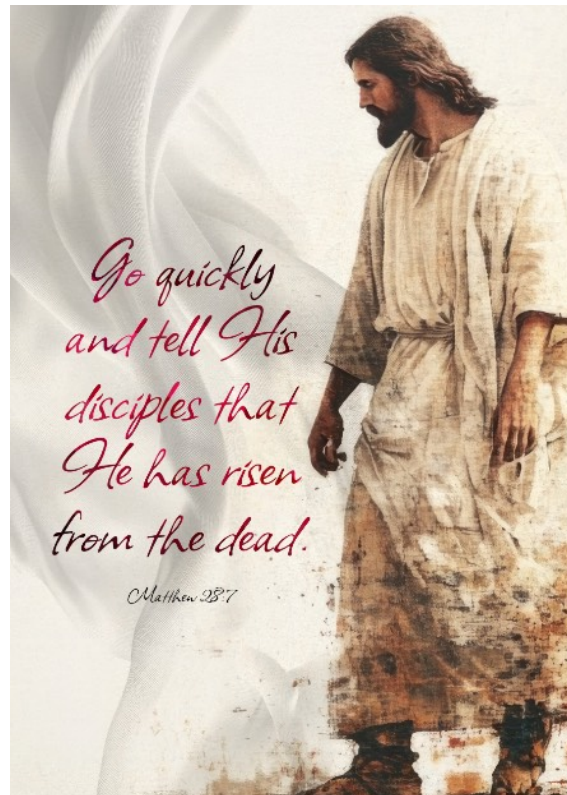


# Easter Sunday



April 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Schubert

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**About This Service:** The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

**Are My Children Welcome?** Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

**Visitors:** Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

**Communion:** We ask that all visitors speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

## Ringling of the Bell

### Prelude

*Please stand and face the back of the sanctuary*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Processional Hymn TLH 199 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

**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! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. 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! Amen.**

## **The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH**

**Invocation:** *TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**Confession of Sins** *TLH Page 16*

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution** *TLH Page 16*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

**Introit** (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b*

P: I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**C: The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.**

P: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

**C: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you  
have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to  
your holy abode.**

P: You will bring them in and plant them on your own  
mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which  
your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

**Gloria Patri:** *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Kyrie:** *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis:** *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect**

*TLH Page 19*

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

*(prayed together)* – **O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of  
the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that  
all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live  
before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Response:** *[Sung]* Amen.

### Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”  
<sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord:  
“The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
<sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines  
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.  
<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when watchmen will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.’”

**Choir Anthem:** *Rejoice! Rejoice!* (Schubert)

### Epistle Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

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

**Gradual** (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings... C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!*

### Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:1-10

<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.”

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...`*

**C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn TLH 195 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, For our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven;  
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of hallelujah! Hallelujah!

It was a strange and dreadful strife When Life and Death contended;  
The victory remained with Life, The reign of Death was ended;  
Holy Scripture plainly saith That Death is swallowed up by Death,  
His sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursed tree- So strong His love!-to save us.  
See, His blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!

So let us keep the festival Whereto the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us.  
By His grace He doth impart Eternal sunshine to the heart;  
The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the Bread of heaven;  
The Word of Grace hath purged away The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah! Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

## **ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Preface:** *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

**The Sanctus:** *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:** *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini:** *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

**The Agnus Dei:** *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.**

**The Distribution** *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

**Distribution Hymns TLH 208 "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"**

**Ye sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On that first morning of the week, Before the day began to break,  
The Marys went their Lord to seek: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**An angel bade their sorrow flee, For thus he spake unto the three:  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee": Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That night the Apostles met in fear; Amidst them came their Lord most dear  
And said: "Peace be unto you here": Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When Thomas afterwards had heard That Jesus had fulfilled His word,  
He doubted if it were the Lord: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**"Thomas, behold My side," saith He, "My hands, My feet, My body, see;  
"And doubt not, but believe in Me": Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Blessèd are they that have not seen And yet whose faith hath constant been,  
In life eternal they shall reign: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And we with holy Church unite, As evermore is just and right,  
In glory to the King of light: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**TLH 200 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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, heavenly 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!" Amen.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Thanksgiving: TLH Page 30**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31**

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,  
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Benediction: TLH Page 31**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn TLH 201 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"**

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appal me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.  
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well Naught from me His love shall sever;  
Life nor death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! and now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence! Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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**FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD BY:**

- Andrew Beach in memory of Arch and Virginia Beach  
Mary Kuhlman in memory of George Kuhlman  
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Susan Nienhueser in memory of Bob Nienhueser  
Ron and Mary Vida in memory of Parents  
Gary and Kathleen Stroup in memory of Sister, Nephew, & Brother  
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Connor Henderson in memory of Darlene Henderson  
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Jenna Paterson, Eathen & Henrietta King, Ivy & Claude McCoy, Dan McCoy, Norma McCoy  
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Hymn #195: Scripture: Acts 2:24; Christ lag in Todesbanden; Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Hands: Author: Martin Luther (1524, cento); Translator: Richard Massie (1854, alt.); Tune: Christ lag in Todesbanden, based on "Christ is erstanden" (Latin melody, c. 1100).

Hymn #208: Scripture: John 20; O fillir et filiae; Ye Sons and Daughters of the King; Author Unknown (c. 1600); Translator: John M. Neale (1851); Tune: Gelobt sei Gott; Composer: Melchior Vulpius (1609).

Hymn #200: Scripture: Job 19:25-27; I Know That My Redeemer Lives; Author: Samuel Medley (1775, ab.); Tune: Duke St.; Composer: John Hatton (1793).

Hymn #201: Scripture: Romans 8:11; Jesu lebt, mit ihm auch ich; Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won; Author: Christian F. Gellert (1757, ab.); Translator: Frances E. Cox (1841, alt.); Tune: Jesu, Meine Zuversicht; Composer: Johann Cruger (1656).

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**Daily Bible Reading:**

- Monday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 1
- Tuesday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 2
- Wednesday, Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 3
- Thursday, Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 4
- Friday, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 5
- Saturday, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 6
- Sunday, Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>: 2 Corinthians 7

**Catechism Recitation for the Week:**

**Baptism: What benefits does Baptism give?**

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.