

Welcome to Gethsemane Lutheran Church



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
He is Risen!



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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (*Sonrise Service*)

“God So Loved the World”

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Alleluia! He is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN (*Sonrise service*)

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (10:30am service)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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P This is the day the Lord has made.
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

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

P Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, hear us
C **O Christ, graciously hear us.**

P Jesus, our Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who by Your death destroyed death and by Your rising to life again restored to us everlasting life:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who rose very early in the morning on the first day of the week:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who appeared to Mary Magdalene:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who showed Yourself to the women and was worshiped by them:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who appeared to the Eleven, saying, "Peace be to you":

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who breathed on Your apostles that they might receive the Holy Spirit:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P Jesus, who confirmed the faith of Thomas by bidding him to touch Your hands and Your side:

C **Have mercy upon us.**

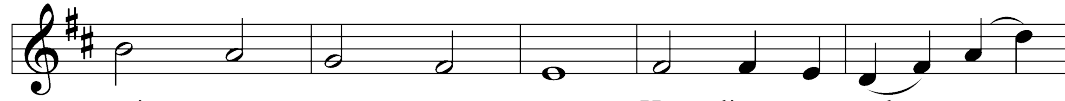
P O God, You make us glad by the yearly festival of the Resurrection. Mercifully grant that we who do now celebrate these joyous holy days on earth may hereafter receive the eternal joys in heaven; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord:

C **Amen.**

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17-25

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen

ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD. (NIV)

THE EPISTLE

1 Cor. 15:19–26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But 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.

But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1–18

The Resurrection

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with

the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the

THE MESSAGE

He's Alive

THE EASTER DECLARATION

P We confess our faith in our Risen Savior Jesus Christ:
C **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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from 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 sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with 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, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

(The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism)

OFFERING

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us not forget that it was our sins that caused Christ's death on the cross. With His resurrection from the grave our union with the Father is restored.

C Merciful Lord, we confess that we are sinners, who have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves. We pray for Your mercy Your Son has promised: that we are forgiven, restored to a right relationship with You, and redeemed for the holy purpose of proclaiming His salvation. Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. In the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I proclaim the mercy of God to you and forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION

P May the Lord be with you all.

C And with you, His servant.

P Lift your hearts, your voices raise.

C To the Lord we raise them!

P Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to do so.

P Christ is risen, raise your voice.

C Alleluia!

P Holy, holy, holy Lord,

C Alleluia!

P Heav'n and earth now praise Your name,

C Alleluia!

P Bless'd is He who comes to us,

C Alleluia!

P Sing hosanna, heav'n and earth,

C Alleluia!

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your

only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

C Amen

THE 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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

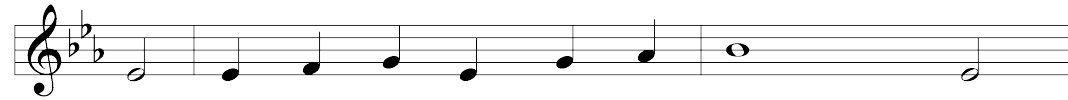
In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



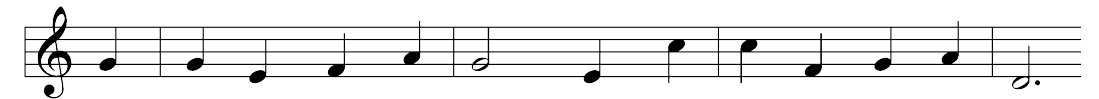
here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
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 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



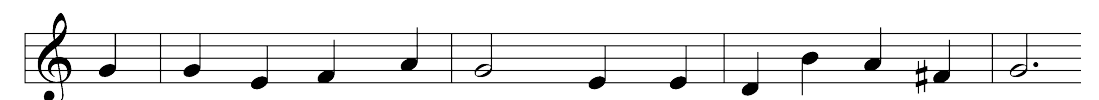
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478 The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
 Δ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the one true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage so that on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has

no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

P The body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and keep you in grace to life everlasting.

C Amen

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.

CLOSING HYMN

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (*Sonrise service*)



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477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (10:30am service)



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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POSTLUDE

Please join us on Sunday's for:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Bible Study

