

Easter Sunday
"The Resurrection of Our Lord"
April 5th, 2026 ~ 8:30am



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WELCOME

(Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Musical Call to Worship

“He is Risen”

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany (by Christine Jerrett)

P: This is the day that You have made, life-giving God.

C: With the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we will rejoice and be glad this day!

P: You take our endings and make your new beginnings.

C: You surprise and astound us in places where we expected that You were absent.

P: You challenge us to reconsider what is possible.

C: Living Lord, we praise You for You are raised by the power of God and there is a new creation and, by your grace, we are in it. Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn #365 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. ~ O God, You gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glori-

P: ous resurrection, You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Acts 10: 34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

³⁴ Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118 (selective verses, lector then congregation)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading ~ Colossian 3: 1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation - Hymn #373 (vs. 1 only)**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

***The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 28: 1-10**

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

The Holy Gospel according to the 28th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Easter Message

*Hymn #394 (vss. 1, 2, 4, 6) "Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

*Easter Creed (professed by all)

**We believe in God who brings sunshine after rain and healing
in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love and
longs for us to know we are loved; who splashes the world
with color and fills the air with the singing of birds; who meets
us in our fears and surrounds us with hope.**

**We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, the friend of the
forgotten, the Savior of the world, who loves us without
judgment, yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk
and work; who prods us when we get complacent, who loves
children and blesses all with compassion.**

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We believe in the Holy Spirit who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations, and races; who is in the stillness of every silence, the breath in every sigh, the love in every embrace. We believe we are called to be a people of hope, peace, justice, and love. ♥ Amen.

***The Prayers of Intercession**

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Merciful God ... **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem

“Song of Triumph”

Blessing of the Elements



The Lord's Prayer

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer in the cup, then hand it to each communicant so they may place it in their own mouth. Young children who do not yet received the sacrament are most welcome to come forward for a blessing and cracker.

Post-Communion Blessing and Benediction

P: May the blessing of the risen Lord, the love of God that never lets us go, and the power of the Holy Spirit that gives us new life, be with you always. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #376**

“Thine Is the Glory”

***Dismissal**

Go in peace to live as Easter people in the world.

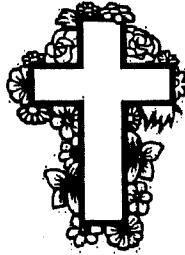
Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music



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Christ is risen!



Alleluia!

*thank
you*

- ... to Maureen Wagner for serving as our lector this morning
- ... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech
- ... to all who volunteered their time to help make our 2026 Easter egg candy project a success
- ... to everyone who donated laundry detergent or financial gifts to benefit the clients of Betty Lou's Pantry as well as those who helped serve at the pantry during the month of March
- ... to those who organized the egg hunt for our youth



Remember in prayer ... Ronald Black, Ann Borrell, Caitlin Carfagno, Ramone DeLeon, Richard Eisenhart, Timothy Filler, Hope Geary, Jeanne Logan, Barb Shaneberger, Tyler and Elizabeth, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, Brad & Monica Wagner, and Leon Warmkessel †

~ Have a blessed day ~

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 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 you 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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Hail Thee, Festival Day!

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



<i>Easter</i>	1	All	the	fair	beau - ty	of	earth	from the
<i>Ascension</i>	1	He	who	was	nailed	to	the	cross
								is . .
<i>Pentecost</i>	1	Bright	and	in	like - ness	of	fire,	on . .
	3	God	the	Al -	might - y,	the	Lord,	the . .
	5	Spir -	it	of	life	and	of	pow'r,
								now . .



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good
 rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
 flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -

Refrain



gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns:
 at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

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Thine Is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!