

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Easter Sunday †

Sunday, April 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so raise us 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. Amen.

Prelude

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P This morning we join with the women who traveled to Jesus’ tomb on that first Easter morning.

C **It is here that they left the body of Jesus at sunset on Good Friday.**

P The gruesome details of the crucifixion are still fresh in their minds.

C **They expect to find nothing but the lifeless body of Jesus in the tomb.**

P They expect to do nothing more than finish the task of preparing His body for burial.

C **Their only question is “who will roll away the stone?”**

Song

“Were You There” *LSB 456*

- 1 **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 3 **Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

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

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

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. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. 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.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Song

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia;
Sons of men and angels say, alleluia;
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia;
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia.

Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia;
Where, oh death, is now thy sting, alleluia;
Dying once He all doth save, alleluia;
Where thy victory oh grave, alleluia.

Chorus

He is not dead, He is alive;
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.

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“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)”

Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia;
Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia;
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia;
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia.

Chorus

Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia;
Following our exalted Head, alleluia;
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia.

Chorus (2x)

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P Let us pray.
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.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34–43

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1–4

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

Children’s Message

Song of the Day

“Raise A Hallelujah”

Verse 1

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.**

Chorus

**I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder,
you’re gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated; the King is alive.**

Verse 2

**I raise a hallelujah with ev’rything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Sing a little louder. Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder. Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me.
Sing a little louder!**

Chorus 2x

**I raise a hallelujah! I raise a hallelujah!
I raise a hallelujah! I raise a hallelujah!**

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Sermon

“Grave Search, Greater Find”

Offertory

“Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
(REPEAT)
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Chorus (2x)

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Mark 14:22-24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

John 1:29

Distribution

“Christ Be Magnified”

Verse 1

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry,
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified.

Verse 2

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence,
His name would burst from sea and sky.
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified.

Chorus

O Christ be magnified, let His praise arise.
Christ be magnified in me.
O Christ be magnified, from the altar of my life.
Christ be magnified in me.

Verse 3

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody
And ev'ry human heart its native cry.
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified.

Chorus

Bridge

I won't bow to idols,
I'll stand strong and worship You.
If it puts me in the fire.
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings,
I hold fast to what is true.
If the cross brings transformation,
Then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway
into resurrection life.
If I join You in Your suff'rings,
then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory
with all the angels and the saints.
My heart will still be singing,
my song will be the same.

Chorus 2x

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“The Power of the Cross”

Verse 1

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Verse 2

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees, now the ground
beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus 1

Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine
to live won through Your selfless love.

Chorus 2 (2x)

This the pow'r of the cross.
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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 true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage 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.**

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Closing Song

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461, sts. 1, 2, 7, and 8

- 1 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.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

- 7 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.
- 8 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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We rejoice in the following Baptism in the Sanctuary this weekend!

✠ **Robert Benjamin "Benji" Davidson** ✠

Son of Robert and Hannah Davidson

Sponsors Caleb and Alyson Wilson

Preacher
Assisting Seminarian
Instrumentalists

Pastor Wade
Noah Bauer
Whitney Wade, Valerie Winkler, guitar
Darren Meyer, percussion
Mark Yaeger, piano

Whitney Wade, Amory Richards, Valerie Winkler, Leslie Rudzinski, vocals
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Sound

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