

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME VISITORS!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 5, 2026**

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?  
HE LIVES TO TAKE ME FROM DEATH TO LIFE**



## **SERIES THEME:**

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. "The Son of Man must suffer many things. . . be killed and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

## **THEME OF THE DAY:**

Without the resurrection of Jesus, death would appear permanent. No one would have come back from the dead to explain what happens after death. Jesus told his disciples what would happen. But they were slow to believe the Easter truth. God ensured that his people had witnesses to assure that Jesus did not remain dead.

He lives, and it makes a difference! I too shall live. Death has become a pathway into paradise. Jesus has already made me spiritually alive by giving me faith in his resurrection. In every possible way, Jesus takes me from death to life.

## JESUS IS ALIVE! ALLELUIA! (CHOIR SONG)

Christ is risen today!  
Sing his praise, alleluia!  
He has conquered the grave.  
Sing his praise, alleluia!  
Death, where is your sting?  
Grave, where is your victory?  
Christ is risen, sing alleluia!

### *Refrain:*

He is alive! He is alive!  
Jesus is risen today, he is alive!  
He has torn the bars away;  
Death's defeated, our debt is paid.  
Jesus is alive, alleluia!

Now we're risen with him.  
Sing his praise, alleluia!  
Life can truly begin.  
Sing his praise, alleluia!  
Now we need not fear.  
His presence is always near.  
Christ is risen, sing alleluia! *Refrain*

Jesus lived to show the way.  
Jesus died our debt to pay.  
Jesus rose again, he lives, he reigns! *Refrain*

## A DIALOGUE FOR EASTER

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS <sup>1</sup>

P: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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<sup>1</sup>We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confessing our sins and hearing the promise of forgiveness through the name given us at Baptism – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship and hearing God's Word.

# 451 SEE, WHAT A MORNING



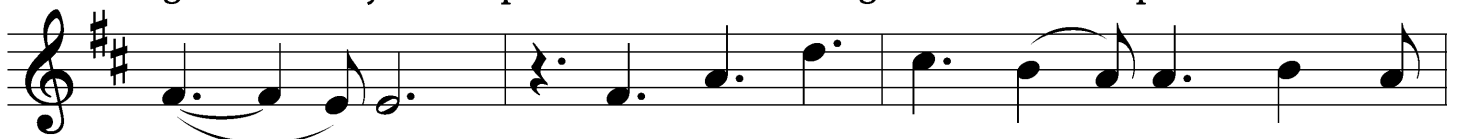
1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of  
 2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she  
 3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,  
 turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,  
 clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is  
 call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to  
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
 life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in  
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till  
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY <sup>2</sup>

**P:** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST LESSON: JONAH 2:2-9 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup>He said:

"In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.

<sup>3</sup>You hurled me into the depths,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;

all your waves and breakers  
swept over me.

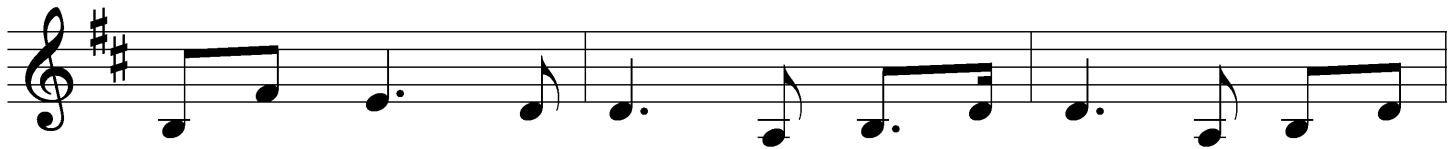
<sup>4</sup>I said, 'I have been banished

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<sup>2</sup> The Prayer of the Day is a concise prayer which "collects" the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Most of these prayers have been in use in the Church for more than 1,500 years. By praying these prayers, we join with the great body of believers, the communion of saints, and with the generations yet to come.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.





light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

### VERSE OF THE DAY <sup>5</sup>

### REVELATION 1:18

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Alleluia.



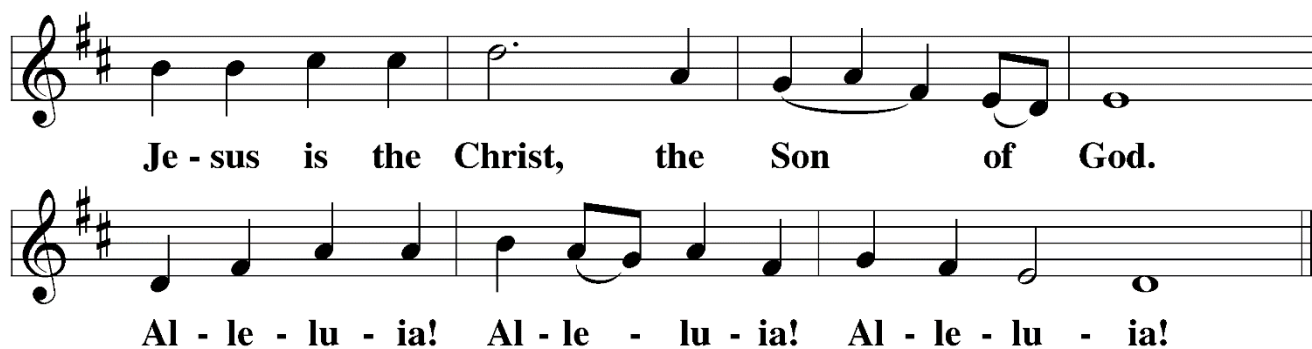
C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

<sup>4</sup> Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

<sup>5</sup> The "Alleluias," which were silent for the season of Lent, are now back in full force as we praise God for accomplishing the victory through the resurrection of Christ.



## GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup>They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

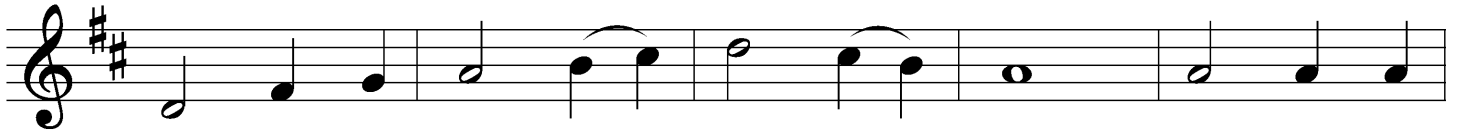
<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

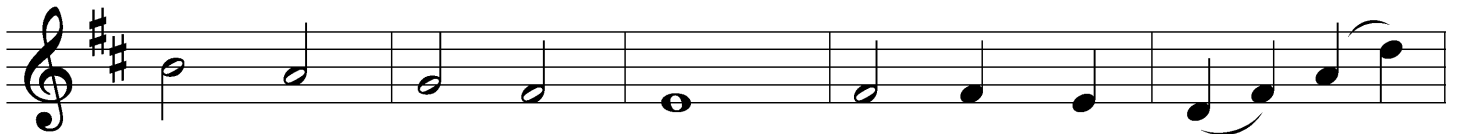
<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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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  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



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  
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



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.  
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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Jesus said to her, "Mary."

## APOSTLES' CREED<sup>7</sup>

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i> <i>Is. 51:13</i>
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.	<i>1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18</i> <i>Lk. 1:35</i> <i>Lk. 1:34; 2:7</i> <i>Lk. 23:16</i> <i>Mt. 27:32-61 et al.</i>
He descended into hell.	<i>1 Pet. 3:19</i>
The third day he rose again from the dead.	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i> <i>Heb. 1:13</i>
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	<i>Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1</i>
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.	<i>Mt. 3:16-17</i> <i>Eph. 5:23</i> <i>Eph. 4:3-6</i> <i>Rom. 4:6-8</i> <i>Ecc. 12:7</i> <i>1 Th. 4:17</i>

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<sup>6</sup>The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

<sup>7</sup> Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

# THANKSGIVING

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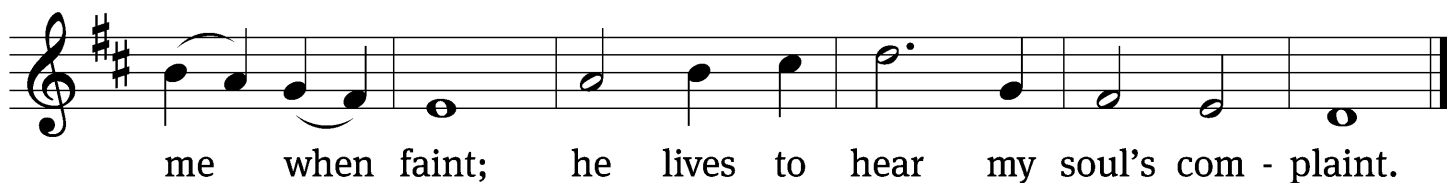
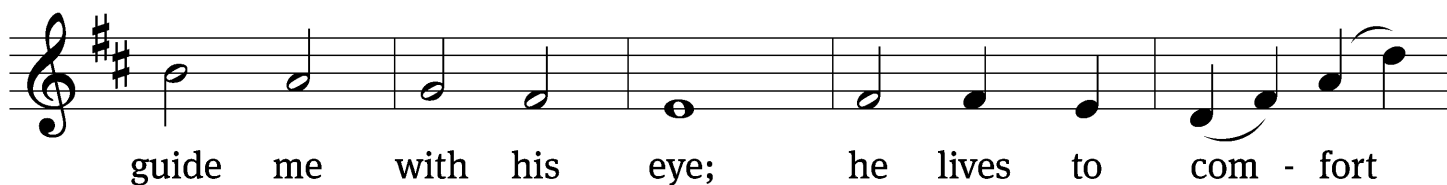
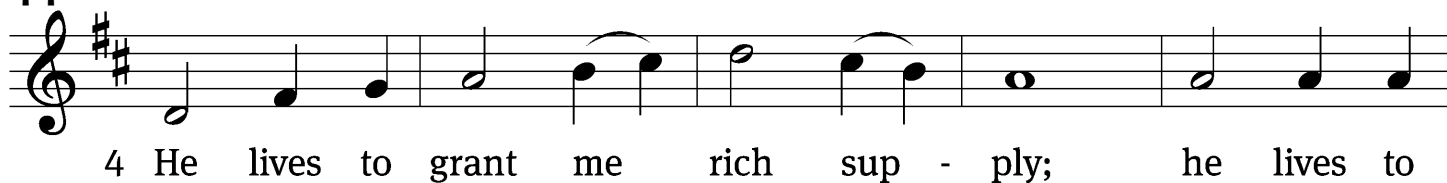
*The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and*



*search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:*

*This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.*

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SALVATION  
BELONGS  
TO THE  
LORD


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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH <sup>8</sup>

### LORD'S PRAYER <sup>9</sup>

**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.

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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  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my  
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

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<sup>8</sup> God's Word is always primary in worship. We speak only as we are spoken to. Gathered in Jesus' name, we bring the petitions and thanksgivings before him that grow out of his Word. This prayer is called the Prayer of the Church for in it the royal priesthood of all believers does its priestly work of making "requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving" for all people, "for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-6).

<sup>9</sup> The Lord's Prayer is the prayer by which Jesus teaches us to pray. It is not a personal prayer, but rather a prayer of a Christian for his or her fellow man (notice the first person plurals "us" and "our").

## LORD'S BLESSING <sup>10</sup>

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

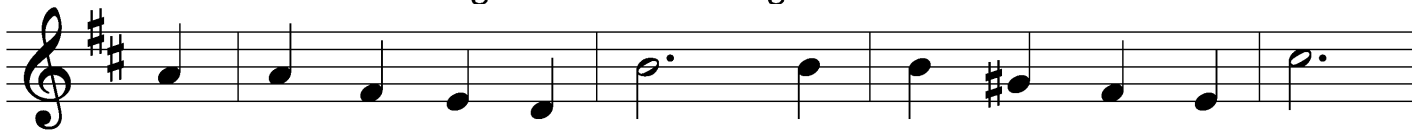
## 511 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



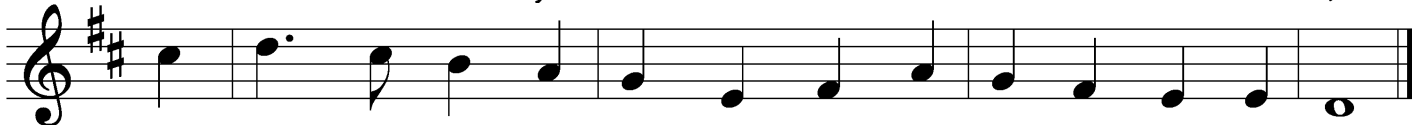
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave  
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

<sup>10</sup> As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32      1 Peter 1:3-9      John 20:19-31

## SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12:

Flowers: Massey

Nursery: 8:30am—Jennifer Walters and Delaney Pfund  
11:00am—Tai Hintz and Bridget Janda

Ushers: 8:30 am—Ed Petrovich and Jon Sadler  
10:00am—Kirk Hennig and Dwight Mann

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Lord's Supper	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays (not on 4/5)
Youth Grade Confirmation	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Men's/Women's Sunday Night Bible Study	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Bible 101	Mondays, 6:00 PM
Women's Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Choir	Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Iron Sharpens Iron ( <i>Men's group</i> )	April 25th, 8:30 AM



***Want to hear more from us? Use this QR code to sign up for our weekly devotion and newsletter.***

**Adult Bible Study:** Stewardship is the lifelong management of all the resources God has given us. That includes a quickly-depleting resource called “time.” So much competes for it. Taking the time to manage the time we have left has huge implications on how we individually and as a church use it for Christ and each other. “A Time for Everything” is a stewardship series to draw attention to the precious time we have left in our lives. On Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour (9:45am), we will discuss how God would have us steward these important times:

- A Time to PRIORITIZE
- A Time for PERSPECTIVE
- A Time to PLAN
- A Time to PAUSE

***Please note there is no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School today.***

**Help Needed 4/11:** Volunteers are needed to reassemble the preschool classroom in preparation for school to resume. This will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 9 am. Contact John Dale ([john.dale@coslutheran.com](mailto:john.dale@coslutheran.com)) with questions.

**Blood Drive:** There will be a blood drive at church on Tuesday, 5/5, from 2 PM – 7 PM. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you are willing and able to donate blood on this day. You can also sign up for a time online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Additionally, if you are willing to help at the registration and snack stations during the drive please sign up on the bulletin board. Please see John Dale ([john.dale@coslutheran.com](mailto:john.dale@coslutheran.com)) if you have any questions.

**The Well Outreach – Jetpack Volunteers Needed:** Help make a difference for local children. The Well Outreach is a local organization that provides food for those in need, including weekend meals for over 1,400 students who may not have enough at home. Volunteers pack simple, nutritious food for children to take home each Friday in a Jetpack. We’re organizing a group from Christ Our Savior to serve at the Spring Hill location on Saturday, April 25 from 8:30–10:00 AM. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary to join us!

## Camp South 2026

**WHO:** Students entering grades 4-9.

**WHAT:** Get ready for the most fun you'll have this summer at Camp South! With incredible activities like Tough Mudder, zip line, inflatables, and massive group competitions, you're sure to have a blast! The camp also features inspiring worship and the opportunity to make more new friends than you can count.

**WHERE:** Georgia FFA Camp, just outside of Atlanta.

**WHEN:** July 20-24, 2026

**HOW:** Register online now at [coslutheran.com](http://coslutheran.com). The cost is \$365 per attendee and will be collected later.

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