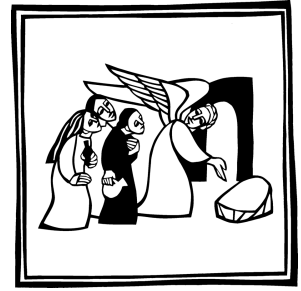


**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**



**EASTER GREETING**

Christ has risen!

**He has risen indeed! Alleluia**

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

#365

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!<br/>our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br/>who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br/>suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br/>unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!<br/>who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br/>sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!<br/>our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br/>now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!<br/>where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br/>praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!<br/>praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br/>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> |
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**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.  
Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to  
come. You lead us beside still waters.  
We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who  
accompanies us on our journeys. We give you  
thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our  
cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of  
baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join  
with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Lisa Symonds

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious 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.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PSALM: God's Love Endures Forever**

*Refrain*

Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's love en - dures for -  
 ev - er! Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's  
 love en - dures for - ev - er!

1 With our dreams and our fears,  
 2 With our strength and our weak - ness,  
 with our joys and our pain,  
 with our gifts and our needs,

*Refrain*  
 we come, we come,  
 we come, we come.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If 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 the things that are above, not on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because 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.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## SERMON

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Suzanne Bowen

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Thine Is the Glory*

#376

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## THE PRAYERS

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### OFFERTORY

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

refrain, vs. 1, refrain

#484

*Refrain*

You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

#367

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

*Low in the Grave He Lay (Up from the Grave He Arose)*

- 1 Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord.
  - 2 Vainly they watch his bed,  
Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord. *Refrain*
  - 3 Death cannot keep its prey,  
Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord. *Refrain*
- Refrain*  
Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor over death's domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

### THE BLESSING

**May you be filled with hope,  
Christ is alive!  
Amen**

### SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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*Be Not Afraid*

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