



8 & 10:45 AM

April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Christ is Risen!



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We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

Serving Today...

Message:
Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:
Pastor Ben Oesch

Worship Assistant:
10:45 Rod Sweeney

Organist:
Gail Black



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

✠ Please stand and face the cross,
in honor of Jesus Christ our Risen Savior and Lord! ✠

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): AMEN

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6, 34

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled—

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:

See the ancient pow’rs of evil in confusion and retreat;

Once He died, and once was buried: now He lives forevermore,

Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

- ▲ Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the triune Majesty!

▲ *The delta symbol indicates a stanza that praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.*

CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

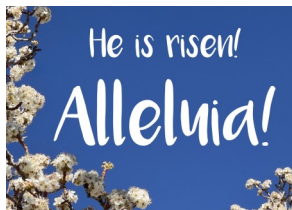
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people



Blessed be the LORD,
from everlasting to
everlasting! Then all the
people said, AMEN!
and praised the LORD.
1 Chronicles 16:36

Christ is not only born
unto us, but He is also
given unto us. Thus, His
resurrection, and all that
He wrought by it, are
mine and, as St. Paul
exults in exuberant joy,
“Will He not also
graciously give us all
things?” *Romans 8:32*
Why, He has destroyed
sin and brought
righteousness to light,
abolished death and
restored life, conquered
hell and bestowed on
us everlasting glory.
These are such
precious blessings that
the mind of man dare
scarce believe that they
have become ours!
~Martin Luther

The Alleluias are back!
While each Sunday in
Lent is considered a
“little Easter” and
therefore singing
Alleluias would not have
been incorrect, at the
same time, we walked
the darkening road to
the cross with Christ,
waiting and watching as
He suffered and died for
our sins.
But today?
Today, we rejoice with
great Alleluias as we
celebrate Jesus’
resurrection!

The Resurrection
is God’s “AMEN!”
to Christ’s statement,
“It is finished.”
~S. Lewis Johnson

let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

John 20:19-23; Psalm 16:11

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.

C: AMEN

P: LORD, You make known to me the path of life;

ALL: in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray: Almighty God, 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

Please be seated.

HYMN # 461:1-2, 4, 6 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;

He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;

He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav’nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;

He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT *Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code. You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!*



CHILDREN’S CHAT *Susan Shoaf*

Children’s Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands as you enter the Sanctuary.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:1-6

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be My people.”

Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the Alleluia and Verse and the reading of the Holy Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE # 475:1, 3-4 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ACCLAMATION

A: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

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."

RESPONSE

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 810 "O God of God, O Light of Light"

O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:

To You in heaven's glory bright the song of praise forever rings.

To Him who sits upon the throne, the Lamb once slain but raised again,

Be all the glory He has won, all thanks and praise! AMEN, AMEN

For deep in prophets' sacred page, and grand in poets' wing-ed word,

Slowly in type, from age to age the nations saw their coming Lord;

Till through the deep Judean night rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"

Sung once by firstborn sons of light, it echoes now, "Goodwill!" AMEN

That life of truth, those deeds of love, that death so steeped in hate and scorn—

These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.

Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. AMEN, AMEN

Then raise to Christ a mighty song, and shout His name, His mercies tell!

Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, and all on earth, your anthem swell!

All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!

Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, all glory, pow'r! AMEN, AMEN!

MESSAGE "We Have Been Raised with Christ! Alleluia! AMEN" text: Colossians 3:1-4



During Lent, we studied the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Today we conclude with AMEN.

What does AMEN mean? Jesus would often start a solemn statement by saying, "Truly" or "I tell you the truth," sometimes repeated for emphasis.

When Jesus said in John 3:3, "Truly, truly," the word in the original language is AMEN. The underlying meaning of the word AMEN is truthfulness or truth.

When we say, AMEN we are saying, "Yes, before God, I agree with that, I believe that to be true and faithful."

When we recite the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, we end both of them with AMEN!

+In Israel, when a prayer or prophecy was made or a law of God read, all the people said, "AMEN." See Nehemiah 5:13 and 8:6.

+New Testament writers frequently used AMEN at the end of the main part of their book/letter. Paul used it seven times in his letter to the Romans—at the end of doxologies (hymns to the Triune God) and benedictions (blessings). See Romans 1:25; 9:5; 11:36; 15:33; 16:20,24,27.

*Blessed be the LORD...from everlasting to everlasting!
AMEN and AMEN*

Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! AMEN and AMEN!

*Blessed be the LORD forever! AMEN and AMEN
~from the Psalms*

Amen!

A **Creed** is a statement of faith or belief. We confess these truths together to affirm our faith and to support each other in our witness.

Righteous Robes:

The custom of putting on new clothes for Easter Day has a long Christian history. In the earliest centuries after the Christ ascended, newly baptized Christians wore white garments of new linen as a visible sign of the newness that Baptism had brought into their lives. Soon, it became a tradition that all the faithful joined the newly baptized in wearing a new outfit on Easter to symbolize the new life that Jesus, through His resurrection, made a reality for all believers. The clothes were a statement of faith. No matter what we are wearing today as individuals, together we share the best eternal clothing there is: the robe of Christ's righteousness!

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ~2 Corinthians 5:17

Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians all over the world, with the saints in heaven—the great cloud of witnesses who have died in Jesus and are now in heaven, and with all the angel hosts.

Please stand.

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come.

AMEN!

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *In April, we pray with open hearts for our Shepherd neighborhood/neighbors.*

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:2-29

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.



Please stand.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY [IS THE LORD]

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Give us Your peace. AMEN

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ◆ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ◆ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ◆ Gluten-free wafers are in the center of the wafer tray.
- ◆ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each wine tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

461:1, 3, 5, 7-8 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;

He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

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.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;

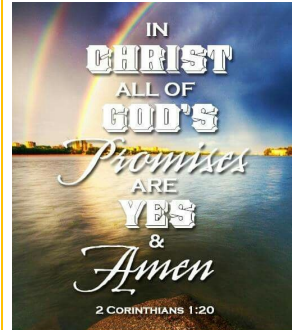
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Please use the hymnal for the text and music of this hymn.

Please stand for the final stanza.

△ *The delta symbol indicates a stanza that praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.*



Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, AMEN, AMEN, Lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD.

Nehemiah 8:6

Words of our Lord: *Do this in remembrance of Me* can also be phrased: *Do this, remembering everything*

I have done for you. This is not just a meal remembering a special event; this is a proclamation and distribution of Christ's saving life, death, resurrection and all its blessings: forgiveness, renewed life, salvation!

~C.A. Gierke

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, Jesus is Our All!

Easter is about resurrection from a death that is a real death with all its frightfulness and horrors, resurrection from a death of the body and the soul, of the whole person, resurrection by the power of God's mighty act. This is the Easter message.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Jesus promised, "I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

~John 16:22

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely, I AM coming soon." AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. AMEN

~Revelation 22:20-21

As Jesus told His disciples on that first Easter evening, so He tells us: "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you!"

John 20:21

In this Divine Service, by faith the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share the love of Jesus and HISTory!

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me; and may I gladly do my part to win that soul for Thee. Amen!

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 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!

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6, 34

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! AMEN

RECESSIONAL HYMN # 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

△ Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

