



The Resurrection of Our Lord- Easter Sunday Sunrise

Sunday, April 5, 2026 6:30am

Advent Lutheran Church

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ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOME STATEMENT

Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, a welcoming community of God, believes ALL people are made in God's image and boundless love and ALL are valued equally within our congregation. We are empowered by God through faith to nurture and celebrate the vast diversity among individuals – single, married, partnered, divorced – embrace their uniqueness in all aspects of life including race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and age. We care for the environment and strive for racial equity and social and economic justice. We at Advent affirm and welcome you to share life with us and participate in God's ministry.

WELCOME FRIENDS AND GUESTS If you are a guest, we ask that you please sign our visitor register located on the table in the Narthex, and help yourself to one of the Welcome Bags. Please come back and worship with us.

LITURGY. Hymns can be found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book - our red hymnal in the pew rack, or placed under the chairs.

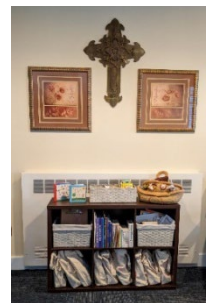
** indicates, please stand, as you are able.*

MASKS - Masks are optional. Love your neighbor.



WE LOVE CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!

- Worship activities are located in the narthex cubbies.
- A staffed nursery is available for infants through age 6. The nursery is the last door on the right. Children's Church (kindergarten-5th) grade begins after the children's sermon. Children will return to worship during the passing of the peace.



FOR 8:30 am: Join us for fellowship following worship! All are welcome.

**** Members, please remember to check your mailboxes today ****



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GATHERING THOUGHTS ...

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

GATHERING

***Gathering and Greeting (outside by Easter fire)**

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.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we come together after that most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life. The church throughout the world has gathered in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water, through bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

***Procession of Light**

Lighting of the Paschal Candle. As the Candle is carried in procession through the congregation, we will pause three times singing:

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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(The Paschal Candle is placed in the stand, and the liturgy continues ...)

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

A: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from bondage to the ancient sin. For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

C: This is the morning after the night ...

A: in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them, dry-shod, through the sea. In which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness. In which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.

In which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph. O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

Of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day," and, "then shall my night be turned into day." The holiness of the night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.

C: This is the morning for us to remember your grace ...

A: Receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed.

C: This is the morning for us to remember your light ...

A: We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race. And so we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** Easter Sunrise Announcement**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us sing of this great mystery of our faith!

***Gathering Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

Hymn# 361

***Easter Sunrise Dialogue**

P: Give glory to our God, our light and our life

C: Oh come let us worship him.

P: Oh come let us sing to the Lord;

C: Let us shout for joy to our risen Savior

P: Let us come to him with songs of Thanksgiving.

C: We will raise a loud shout to him with psalms

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast I=high voices, II=low voices



♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.




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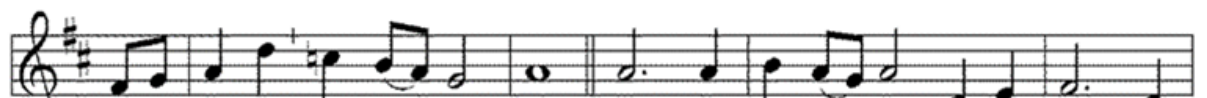
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and




strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.




♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

A: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: 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.

WORD

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁸The 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 righ- | teous may enter.”

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

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected; has become the chief | cornerstone.

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

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

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mark

Hymn of the Day

The Day of Resurrection!

Hymn# 361

***Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***The Prayers**

***The Peace**

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

C: And also with you

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord on this Resurrection day.

Christ is Risen!

R: He is Risen indeed!

MEAL

Offertory Hymn This Joyful Eastertide; *arr. Ryan*

***Offertory Prayer**

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***Dialog**

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 you thanks and praise.

P: It is truly right, our duty and our joy, to give thanks and praise to God, especially on this day. On this Easter Day, our congregation gathers as we have each Easter, and as we do each Sunday as a "little Easter," a weekly celebration of that Easter good news.

It is why we worship on Sundays. And our congregation gathers as churches have for 2,000 years, part of the sharing of Christian gospel, and sharing in the holy sacrament.

On this Easter Day, we are part of the sharing of the Christian gospel – the good news of God's work in Christ. As Saint Paul writes in First Corinthians 15,

"For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures." Paul received this gospel message, and Paul shared it with others, including us.

On this Easter Day, we are also part of the *sharing in* the holy sacrament – the presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. This also was something Paul received, and something he shared with others, including us. As Saint Paul writes in First Corinthians 11.

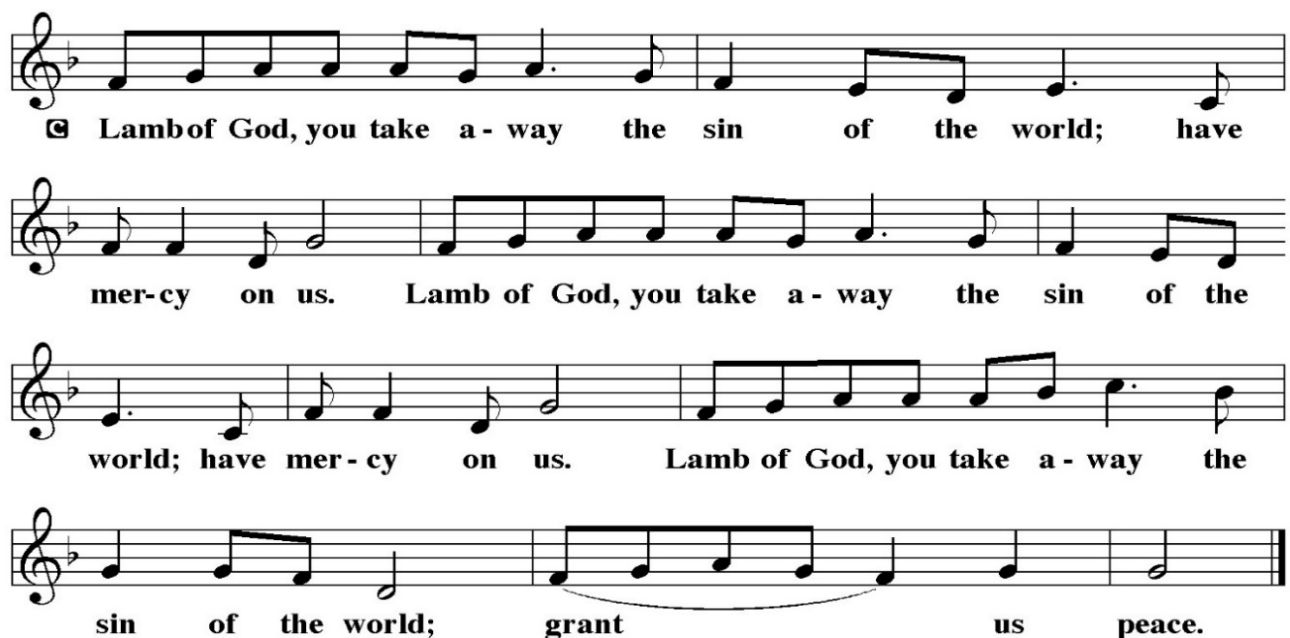
“For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for* you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

United in this gospel, sharing in this sacrament, we pray together the words that our savior taught us.

**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.**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.
Come, not because you are perfect, but because you are forgiven.

Lamb of God



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

You are invited to come forward as the ushers direct you. You may receive bread and dip it into the wine or grape juice; or you may pick up one of the sealed wafer/grape juice packets or a sealed gluten free wafer and hear the words of promise before returning to your seat to open it. Children who have not yet received their first communion may come forward (in person) for a blessing, or someone in the room (worshiping online) may pause to provide that blessing, saying "Remember, God loves you" or "You are a beloved child of God."

Communion Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hymn# 392

*Post Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **C: Amen.**

***Post Communion Canticle** *This Joyful Eastertide v.1* Hymn# 391

1 This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

*Post Communion Prayer

A: Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

*Benediction

P: The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **C: Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Hymn # 369

*Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude Fantasy in D Major; *Rachel Laurin*

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