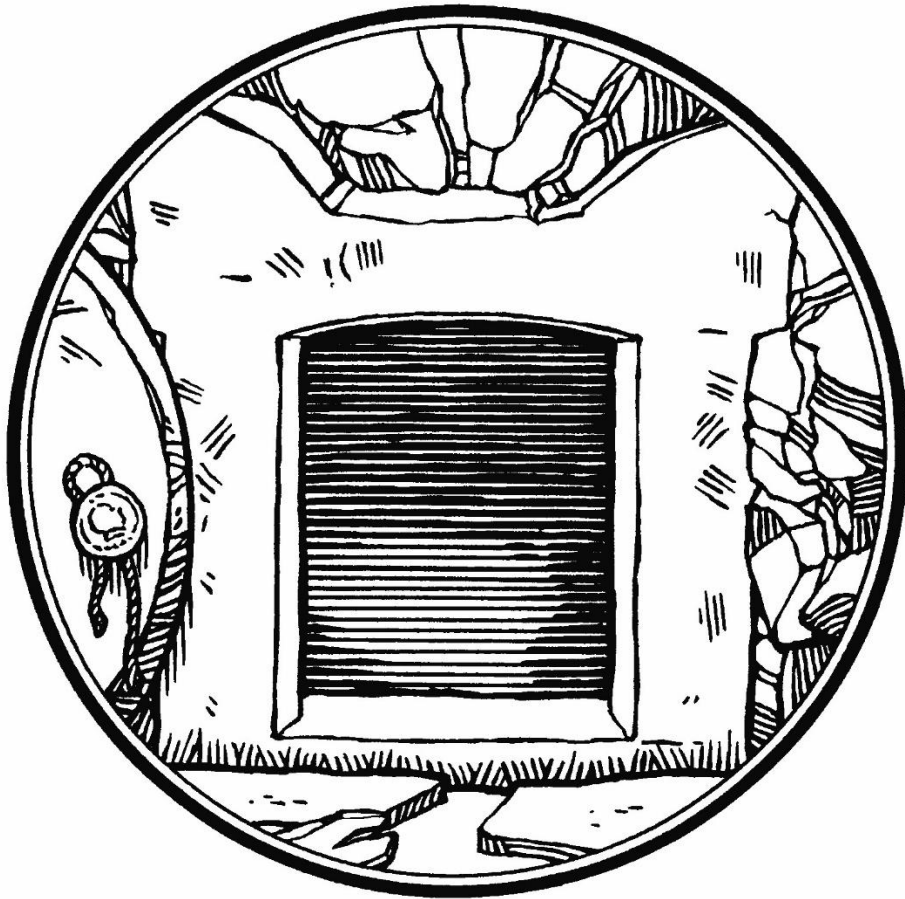


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EASTER

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1

Preservice

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today – arr. Susan E. Geschke

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – Robert A. Hobby

Processional Hymn

- 1 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!
- 2 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!

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- ### 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
- 3 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!
 - △ 4 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!

Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

C Amen.

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

C the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

P The LORD is my strength and my song,

C and he has become my salvation.

P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

C your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

P You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

C you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

C the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

P the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

C The LORD will reign forever and ever.

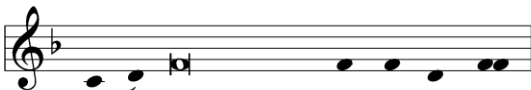
ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

C the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie

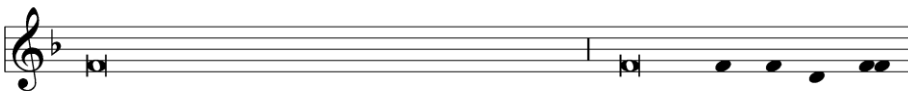
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C 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
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Sound the Trumpet – Dale Peterson

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C.S. Lewis

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

Gospel Procession

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain (Choir)
Refrain (Congregation & Choir)
Verse 1 (Choir)
Refrain (Congregation & Choir)
Verse 2 (Choir)
Refrain (Congregation & Choir)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

F. O'Carroll/C. Walker

The musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia' is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first measure. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with some ties. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' and ends with a double bar line. The time signature changes to 9/8 and then 6/8.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

- 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.

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- 3 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.
- 4 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.

Sermon

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" (Job 19:23-26)

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16***

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12, John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Cor 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11***

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6***

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt 3:16-17*
who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18*
and the life \dagger of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

Amen. *Psalm 106:48*

Prayer of the Church

Offering **I Know That My Redeemer Lives – arr. Anna Laura Page**
 (Those who are not communing may put their attendance card in the offering plate.)

Offertory **955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Preface

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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 Paschal 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 Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and 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 saying:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**☐ 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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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Agnus Dei

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C 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.

Hymns During Distribution

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

855 For All the Faithfull Women (stz 11)

(1, 11, 3-4)

1 For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

11 Mary Magdalene
We sing Your praise for Mary,
Who came at Easter dawn
To look for Jesus' body
And found her Lord was gone.
But, as with joy she saw Him
In resurrection light,
May we by faith behold Him,
The Day who ends our night!
John 20:1-18

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3 O God, for saints and servants,
Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service,
Our lives may sing Your praise.

△ 4 All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit,
Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias
And strive to do Your will.

475 Good Christian Friends

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

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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

478 The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
 Let earth its song begin,
 Let all the world keep triumph
 And all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen,
 Their notes of gladness blend;
 For Christ the Lord has risen,
 Our joy that has no end!

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△ 4 All praise to God the Father,
 All praise to God the Son,
 All praise to God the Spirit,
 Eternal Three in One!
 Let all the ransomed number
 Fall down before the throne
 And honor, pow'r, and glory
 Ascribe to God alone!

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

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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.

Closing Hymn

- 5 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.
- 6 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.

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461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives (stzs 5-8)

Stanza 7 – Choir only

- 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!

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah) George F. Handel/arr. S. Drummond Wolff

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White, the color of light and joy, adorns our chancel today. Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious over sin, death, and the devil and so we rejoice!

Participants

Preacher
Assisting Minister
Organist
Handbells
Choir
Piano/Organ
Trumpet
French Horn
Trombone
Crucifer
Alleluia Banner Helpers
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pastor Skovgaard
Pastor Teggatz
Richard C. Ewert
Exultate Ringers
Exultate Singers
Gene Traas
Benjamin Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Ken Schuppner
Bettina Ruhnau
Andrew Ewert
7:00 Emma Stroh, 10:00 Lea Soderland
Elijah Lind, Sarah Stroh
7:00 Jason Krueger, 10:00 Rick Wegner
7:00 Doug Grell 10:00 Kirk Midtbo
7:00: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke,
Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
10:00: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
7:00 Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse
10:00 Karen Clark, Diane Olson

SERVING THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grell

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

USHER TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

EGL in the Word (Easter Sunday)

Old Testament (Sermon Text): Job 19:23-26

We might expect these verses to come at the very end of Job's book- the grand conclusion to an entire book of struggle, the answer we've been looking for all this time! And yet, the most famous passage in Job comes to us in the middle of the struggle and is in fact borne out of the struggle (and that's essential to understanding the story of Job as a whole). Job 19 contains a portion of Job's response to the second round of responses from his friends. Most of the chapter is a dour picture. God has isolated and counted Job as an enemy (in Job's eyes). Job's family and friends have abandoned him, to the point that Job cries out: "Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends!" (19:21). And it's in this utter darkness that the purest words of gospel are uttered. Job wants these words remembered (19:23-24), for even in the darkness, even as Job struggles with his suffering and God's role in all of it, he knows his Redeemer who lives, who will stand on the earth, who will vindicate Job, who will raise Job up bodily to see his Redeemer face to face (19:25-27). We see this, of course, in the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ, as he stands on the earth to redeem his people. And this leads us ultimately to the Last Day, when Christ will return to call and raise all people from their graves as the Resurrection and the Life.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

How does Easter and the resurrection of Christ apply to our daily lives? Paul captures it in this short text from Colossians. "If then you have been raised with Christ" (which we have), "seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (3:1). The resurrection of Jesus is our resurrection as well through baptism (see Romans 6). And now, we see differently. We think differently. We act differently. Because we are not of the world. Put another way, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). We look ahead in joy to that Last Day when our living Redeemer will appear (Job 19), but for now, we live in light of this sure ending. We come to the Lord's house. We dig into His life-giving Word. We gather with brothers and sisters in Christ. And we shine this resurrection light in our thoughts, words, and actions on a daily basis, that we might give witness to the resurrection hope within us.

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! There's never a neutral reaction to God's working in the Scriptures, especially in the gospels, and today's gospel is certainly no exception. An angel of the LORD removes the stone in an earthquake-causing appearance (28:2). Two different reactions ensue. The guards "trembled and became like dead men" (28:4), which will later lead to their report and subsequent bribery by the religious leaders (28:11-15). The women also react in fear but, as we shall see, a different kind of fear. Twice, they are reassured by the angel and by Jesus himself: "Do not be afraid" (28:5,10). They end up departing the tomb with two seemingly contradictory emotions: "they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy..." (28:8). To fear God outside of faith is to tremble and collapse, as the guards did. But to fear God in faith is to take refuge in Him and especially under the angel's testimony today: "...I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said" (28:5-6). That statement is the fulfillment of Job's hope. It's what the Church is built on. It changes everything. Our Redeemer lives, brothers and sisters! Alleluia!

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: Job goes through a range of emotions as he confronts enormous loss in his life, from bold confession that God's name ought always to be praised to despair that God seems silent in the midst of pain. In the heartaches of life, have you felt the same way? Toward which end of the spectrum do you find yourself gravitating?

Tuesday: As the work of our vocations begins anew after a long weekend culminating in the celebration of Easter Sunday, how does the certainty of your own future resurrection influence the challenges that confront you, not just healthwise but relationship-wise and financially? Does the joy of knowing your Redeemer affect how you deal with those challenging situations?

Wednesday: One of the great tenets of the Christian faith is that we believe "in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." We have the sobering conviction of knowing that we and everyone we will ever meet are eternal creatures. How does the fact that everyone has an eternal existence in front of them influence our view of evangelism, of reaching the lost with the Gospel, as well as leading the erring back into the fold?

Thursday: As Christians we are the tribe of the baptized. Our baptismal identity is a game changer, as die and rise with Christ. No longer is the distinction between Jew and Gentile but rather between washed in the blood of the Lamb and not. St Paul in his letter to the church in Colossae encourages us to connect the dots between our baptismal identity and how we should live. In those brief 4 verses what attitudes are we encouraged to adopt?

Friday: A strong case can be made that Job is the oldest book in the Bible chronologically, even pre-dating the Pentateuch of Moses. How might your faith be strengthened by knowing that the earliest book of God's revelation proclaims the certain hope that the faithful will be raised with physical, glorified bodies AND they will see and rejoice in their Redeemer who also has a physical body? Does that put your current troubles and worries in perspective?

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday of Easter)

Old Testament- Acts 5:29-42

Epistle- 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel- John 20:19-31

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S	Happy Easter 7:00 a.m. Divine Service 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast (FH) 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
M	Office Closed 11:00 a.m. New Berlin PD Training 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
		T	6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **217** people that attended services last week in person and **109** households streamed the services for a total of **326**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet today! Happy Easter!

EASTER BRUNCH: Join us in the Fellowship Hall for brunch on Easter morning. We will be serving from 8:15-9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume on Tuesday, April 14 as we continue our Psalms study by jumping into Psalm 27. All ladies are welcome!

ADOPTION: We've seen the scary numbers of ongoing abortion in our country. One of the consequences of the fight for life is that in our discourse we usually reduce the options to a binary choice between keeping the baby or aborting, when a beautiful, life-affirming choice remains -- to consider adoption. EGL is partnering with Lutheran Counseling and Family Services

[LCFS] and other LCMS congregations in the Milwaukee area this fall to highlight the gift of adoption via billboards, social media, and radio. As part of that effort, Mrs Kathryn Lamb, the adoption coordinator at LCFS, will be with us on Sunday morning, April 12, during the Bible study hour to help us appreciate what LCFS can do for us in this arena.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Dennis Braun for all of his help with the solar panels. They were not working to their full benefit and after Dennis' diligence in this project the church is now getting full benefits in savings from the solar panels. Thank you Dennis; your work is appreciated!

MABAS LECTURE: Please join the Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society for a free public lecture on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Fine Arts Building, Reichel Hall (FM15) and live on Zoom. **Written in Stone: The Significance of Inscriptions for Understanding the Ancient World**, an illustrated lecture by Dr. Daniel Schowalter (Emeritus Professor of Classics and Religion at Carthage College).

EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING: Mark your calendars for Friday, May 8! The EGL Foundation is once again hosting a golf outing, dinner and raffle. All proceeds from this event will go to support Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Sign-up forms are now available in the back of the church along with donor/sponsor forms. You can drop off completed forms in the golf outing mailbox in the mailbox room. The deadline for sign-up this year is April 24!

THE EGL FOUNDATION is looking for donations of money to be put toward purchasing a premium raffle item for the Drive to Thrive golf outing. Any donations which go past the price point of that item will be put toward purchasing gift cards for the raffle. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wilcox at 262-409-5888.

PICKLEBALL KICKOFF: Our first pickleball session will be **Sunday, April 12 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the gym** (please enter through the external youth room doors). We will have several nets and paddles ready to go and all are welcome! Rules will be discussed so don't worry if this is your first time, we'd love to have you! If you own paddles, please bring them.

NOMINATIONS FOR EGL LEADERSHIP: At the Sunday morning, May 17, Voters Assembly we will elect new leadership to both the Elders Committee and the Board of Directors. You have the opportunity to nominate godly men to the Elders Committee as well as godly men and/or women to the Board of Directors. There are two positions on both open for election on May 17. Please submit any nominations to the Church Office or one of the Pastors by Easter Sunday, April 5.

ABORTION: According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, 1.12 million babies were lost to abortion in 2025. That number is roughly the same as in 2024. When you crunch the numbers, that comes out to roughly 3,000 a day every day of the year. To put that in perspective, that's more than was lost to Islamic terrorism on 9/11. The Guttmacher report documents a decline in interstate travel for abortions but an increase in

telehealth abortions, essentially getting the pill through the mail. These numbers come almost four years after the Supreme Court decision, Dobbs v. Jackson ruling, which returned the topic of abortion to the States. The battle for pre-born life continues.

COFFEE DONATIONS: The money that is donated during the time of fellowship after Church on Sundays is being donated to the signage project.

EGL STAMMTISCH: Hey Guys! Well... April may bring showers but we have a warm and relaxing place to celebrate! Join us for this month's EGL Stammtisch. We again will be in the Bartelt Center at EGL, so it still should be a little quieter and more conducive to great conversation and great libation... always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try! Bartelt Adult Activities Center (North end of the EGL complex) Thursday, April 16, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (ish)... for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!! (Thursday, May 21 will be the next gathering... plan ahead!)

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SIGNAGE PROJECT: EGL is preparing to enhance signage throughout our campus to better welcome visitors, provide clear direction, and reflect our identity in Christ. Our goal is to raise **\$75,000** to fund new monument signs, updated lettering, directional signage, and necessary electrical work. The Foundation is providing a matching gift of \$1 for every \$2 raised to support this effort. Thank you so much, currently we have already reached \$33,000 and will be able to begin this project starting with the sign in the front of the church. Graphic boards showing the proposed signs and locations are in the back of the church. "Let your light shine before others..." (Matthew 5:16)

LOCAL ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED: Brookfield City Clerk Sara Bruckman recently put out an appeal for volunteer election workers. With the April Spring Election, August Partisan Primary,

and November General Election in 2026 just around the corner, the City Clerk's Office is actively seeking individuals of all backgrounds. You must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, able to read and write fluently in English, not be a candidate in that election, and able to perform a variety of duties that keep voting operations running smoothly. Such work is part of our responsibility as citizens, and it has to be done for the sake of free and fair elections, so why not by you? Here's another opportunity for faithful Lutherans to get involved and serve their neighbors. Interested? Go to www.ci.brookfield.wi.us/1036/Poll-Worker-Information or call 262-787-3550.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet at Maxim's on April 16 at 11:45 a.m. Please RSVP to Claire Schuppner at 262-255-2671 by April 13.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The group will meet on Thursday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *The Great Hippopotamus Hotel: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* written by Alexander McCall Smith. This spacious hotel near a grove of Acacia trees in the Botswanan countryside has had a good reputation for weary travelers until strange things start happening. Detectives Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutal take on this new intriguing case and uncover surprising results.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents "Coming Home" featuring John Leavitt's "Missa Festiva" plus music by Brahms, Haydn, Craig Courtney, Stephen Paulus and more! There are two performances: Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., Saint Monica Parish, 5681 North Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay and Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W Center St., Milwaukee,

WI 53222. Tickets are \$20 and students are FREE with student ID. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.- 06:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives! Every donation creates a ripple of hope. Make a lifesaving difference today—schedule your appointment: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11621257 or contact Rick Ewert: BloodDrive@egl.org/262-289-9333.



CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: A blessed Easter to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up the account of Joseph in our study of Genesis! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study in Numbers. This week, we'll be continuing with chapter 33. Don't forget to join us for The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT)! We'll be checking in with the folks over at Lutheran Bible Translators, as well as continuing our new series, "Getting to Know the Council of Presidents." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!