

# RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 5, 2026



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*“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”*

Welcome to worship on this special day. Our liturgy begins with the liturgy of light and the blessing of the Paschal Candle, which symbolizes Christ's breaking of the darkness of sin and death to bring us all the Easter victory. The Paschal Candle will shine as our symbol of the resurrection throughout the Easter season, at all baptisms and at all funerals. After the blessing, the day is proclaimed with the ancient Easter shout, joyous songs, festive musical offerings and the word of God that proclaims the victory of Christ for us all. All are invited to meet the risen Lord in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. Thank you for joining us on this special day. We hope the blessings of the Risen Lord are yours this day and always.

**PRELUDE** *The Strife is O'er*

Carl Simone

**LITURGY OF LIGHT** *All stand and face the rear of the church. As the Paschal candle is raised, the Presiding Minister proclaims the resurrection, shouting three times:*

*Christ is Risen!* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

ELW 365

### **EASTER DIALOG**

(boldly) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**(boldly) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

**Christ gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!**

**Alleluia!**

Rejoice then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Now the Feast and Celebration*

ELW 167

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
- <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- <sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand.*

*Congregation:*

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

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

## SERMON

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

ELW 373

## 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**ANTHEM** *A Joyful Psalm*

Joseph M. Martin

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Variants on "Now the Green Blade Riseth"*

Robert Lau

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465



## LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,  
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:* Lamb of God,  
*Congregation or Assistant:* you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*  
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
*Congregation:*  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 380, 379, 384, 661, 452, 472

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING HYMN

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

ELW 382

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Robert Lau

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### Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye  
Assisting Minister: Janet Lundblad  
Lector: Michael Peters  
Communion Assistants: Sue Purnell  
& Michael Peters  
Acolyte: Reece Chestnut  
Crucifer: Emma Chestnut  
Greeters: Meghan Chestnut & Lisa Horton  
Altar Guild: Kay Gauthier & JoAnn Wildeson  
Ushers: Sandy & Deane McGehee  
Offering Counter: Dick & JoAnn Wildeson  
A/V: Rowan Frye & Nancy Carson

### Weekly Worship Schedule

*Sundays*

10:00 am Holy Communion  
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

*Wednesdays*

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing  
7:00 pm Zoom Prayer & Share



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