

**April 5, 2026**  
**Easter Festival Service**

**Easter Gospel**

**Mark 16:1-6**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.' "

**O Praise The Name (Anastasis)**

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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**Welcome and Invocation**

People of God, Jesus' burial in the tomb on Friday was not the end of His story. For our God is not the God of the dead but of the living. On Easter we celebrate that the tomb is empty for Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

**Choir**

"Oh, What a Glorious Day"

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Jesus' death and resurrection begin their work in us when we acknowledge Him as our Savior from sin. Because He was willing to be buried in a dark tomb we can invite Him into the dark and sinful parts of our lives as we confess our sins.

*(We pause for private confession.)*

Just as surely as Jesus entered the tomb on Friday so He enters the sinful parts of our lives. Because He rose from the dead on Easter, we trust that He has the power to forgive our sins and transform our lives.

**Lord Jesus forgive us. Help us to leave behind the darkness of sin. By the power of Your resurrection, transform our lives. Amen.**

Jesus carried our sins on the cross and in His death He paid the full penalty for them. His empty tomb on Easter morning means He won the victory. Death is defeated. Our sins are forgiven. In Jesus' name, and by His command it is my joyful duty to announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen! We are forgiven! Alleluia!**

### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### **Old Testament**

### **Psalms 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

### **2 Corinthians 5:1, 5-7**

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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| 1 Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:<br>Sing to God a hymn of gladness,<br>Sing to God a hymn of praise;<br>He who on the cross a victim<br>For the world's salvation bled—<br>Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,<br>Now is risen from the dead. | 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!<br>Death at last has met defeat:<br>See the ancient pow'rs of evil<br>In confusion and retreat;<br>Once He died, and once was buried:<br>Now He lives forevermore,<br>Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,<br>Whom we worship and adore. |
| 3 Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Glory be to God on high:<br>Alleluia to the Savior<br>Who has gained the victory;<br>Alleluia to the Spirit,<br>Fount of love and sanctity!<br>Alleluia, alleluia<br>To the triune Majesty!  |  |

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### Gospel

### John 14:1-3

[Jesus said] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night

Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of Kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

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Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, yours is the victory.

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Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

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Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Jesus Christ, my living hope!  
Oh God, you are my living hope!

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## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

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### **Prayers of the Church & the 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.**

### **Jesus' Directions for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### **The Distribution of Communion**

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

#### **461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

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| 1 | I know that my Redeemer lives;<br>What comfort this sweet sentence gives!<br>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br>He lives, my ever-living head.  | 5 | He lives to silence all my fears;<br>He lives to wipe away my tears;<br>He lives to calm my troubled heart;<br>He lives all blessings to impart.                      |
| 2 | He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>He lives eternally to save;<br>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br>He lives exalted there on high.             | 6 | He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>He lives and loves me to the end;<br>He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br>He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. |
| 3 | He lives to bless me with His love;<br>He lives to plead for me above;<br>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>He lives to help in time of need.        | 7 | He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>He lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>He lives my mansion to prepare;<br>He lives to bring me safely there.                 |
| 4 | He lives to grant me rich supply;<br>He lives to guide me with His eye;<br>He lives to comfort me when faint;<br>He lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 8 | He lives, all glory to His name!<br>He lives, my Jesus, still the same;<br>Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!                   |

### 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

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| 1 | Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!<br>Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!<br>Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!<br>At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!   | 3 | Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!<br>God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!<br>When contending death and life, Alleluia!<br>Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!  |
| 2 | For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!<br>Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia! | 4 | Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!<br>All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!<br>Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia! |

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### Closing Prayer

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through these good gifts and we ask that you would strengthen us through them, both 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. **Amen.**

### Benediction

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.  
**Amen.**

### 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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| 1 | "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"<br>Saints on earth and angels say;<br>Raise your joys and triumphs high;<br>Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. | 4 | Lives again our glorious King!<br>Where, O death, is now thy sting?<br>Once He died our souls to save;<br>Where thy victory, O grave?         |
| 2 | Love's redeeming work is done,<br>Fought the fight, the battle won;<br>Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;<br>Lo! He sets in blood no more.            | 5 | Soar we now where Christ has led;<br>Foll'wing our exalted Head.<br>Made like Him, like Him we rise;<br>Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. |
| 3 | Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;<br>Christ hath burst the gates of hell.<br>Death in vain forbids His rise;<br>Christ has opened paradise.    | 6 | Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!<br>Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!<br>Thee we greet triumphant now:<br>Hail, the resurrection, Thou!      |

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## Server Schedule

	4/5 Easter	4/12	4/19
Altar Flowers	Flower Ministry	Spachts	Dorths
Altar Guild	Williams/Koob	Dan/Amy	Nancy D
Counters	Adria/Michelle	John Da/Vicki	John Di/Wayne
	7:00 AM	8:30	8:30
Elder	Mike	Greg	Edwin
Reader	Bob	Dianna	Nanette
PowerPoint	Lisa	Wanda	Dan
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Benjamin	Preston	Amy
	10:00 AM	10:30	10:30
Elder	Dan	Dan	Erik
Reader	Delka	Cole	Kathy
PowerPoint	Cole	Amy	Cole
Audio	Preston	Donovan	Vicki
Visuals	Conor	Hayden	Preston

The altar flowers are donated by the Flower Ministry in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Birthdays this Week

04/11 James Flerchinger  
04/11 Michelle Steffen

### Anniversaries this Week

04/05 Chuck & Gerrie Johnson