

# **As We Gather    EASTER SUNDAY    April 20, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

Jesus spoke words that last forever! In this service for Easter Sunday, we sing, "Alleluia!" to Jesus who rose from the dead, and we ponder His words of life.

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**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.**

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament.

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE** Prelude in G Major – J.S. Bach

**WELCOME**

## **PREPARATION**

**HYMN #457** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Trumpet-Noah O’Neill

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

**C** **Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**

**P** Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

## **WORD**

**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.**  
**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..**

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING      **Isaiah 65:17–25**

“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **MLC CHOIR – “With a Voice of Singing” – Martin Shaw**

### **EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

“If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **VERSE 2 Timothy 1:10b**

**P** Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**C** Alleluia.

### **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1–12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words

seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY # 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven”**

**SERMON “The Rolled-Away Stone” Luke 24:1-12**

## **NICENE CREED**

**C** 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.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Lord, mighty God, ... [*Petitions*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** ...for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## OFFERING “Amazing Grace” - Trumpet, Noah O’Neill

### OFFERTORY *LSB 192*

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

- 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.

### PROPER PREFACE

- 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 *LSB 178*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of the heavens and earth—made new! Your mercy is woven into the very words of Scripture and into the lives of the saints who

confess Your holy name, and unrelentingly take hold of the resurrection as temporal and eternal truth. Grant that Your life-giving Word and Spirit invade our minds, our speech, and our hearts, that we may be credible witnesses of divine truth—Jesus alone was crucified, died, and raised to new life. By faith we claim this resurrection as our very own! That resurrection will usher us into eternity that we may share in the marriage feast of the Lamb that will have no ending. To You alone, O Father of all creation, Son of resurrection, and Spirit of joy, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**“Remember Me”** by Martin Nystrom, Gerrit Gustafson

**P** (*sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”

**C** (*sung*) **“So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed Your blood  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed your blood.”**

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## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**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

**C** 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.

## AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, risen Savior, that You have made all things new through Your resurrection. In this Holy Sacrament Your body and blood nourish us with forgiveness and increase our faith. In this Meal we join all the saints who have prophesied, witnessed, and proclaimed resurrection. Grant that this feast enjoins us to all things new in this time and eternity. Shaped by resurrection hope, joy, and life, grant that we boldly love one another through You, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICTION

**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 ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### CLOSING HYMN #461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” Sts. 1-3, 8

Trumpet – Noah O’Neill

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE



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**Reader Today: Gail Snow**

**Last Week Att.: 98**

**PRAYER LIST: Robert Nocella, healing, recovery after hospital stay;  
Paul Conner, cancer (Son-In-Law of Helga Weckenmann).**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Apr. 21 2:30 p.m. Church Council  
Thur. Apr. 24 10:30 a.m. Support Group  
Thur. Apr. 24 10:30 a.m. Jesus Time  
**Sun. Apr. 27 10:00 a.m. Worship (No Bible Study 4/27).**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Apr. 21 Jan Aslin                      Apr. 23 JoAnn Arney                      Apr. 23 Jim Sims  
Apr. 24 DeAnn West                      Apr. 29 Lois Beadles                      Apr. 29 Tim Hintz  
Apr. 29 Gail Snow

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