



As We Gather EASTER SUNRISE April 20, 2025

Three days can seem like an eternity. It must have felt that way to the disciples after Jesus had been crucified. All hope seemed to have vanished. Just a few days before, Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Yet in five days, He was crucified. Imagine what they went through as Jesus lay in the tomb. What makes you different from them? Christ is risen! Today, we celebrate the promise Jesus made: on the third day He would—and did—rise again to life. Whatever you face in your life, you do it with the risen Lord by your side! Rejoice!

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. 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:

- *Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- *Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- *Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

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

PREPARATION (In the Prayer Garden)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Revelation 1:8*

- P** He is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,
- C** “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
- P** Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?
- C** Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.
- P** What then is your hope?
- C** My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing what He did forgives my every sin.
- P** Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, “Go and sin no more.” Do you promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you will amend your sinful life?
- C** Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life, turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to lead a life that glorifies God.
- P** Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen! He is risen indeed!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

- 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!
- 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!

(Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; (sts. 1–3): Latin, 14th cent.;
(st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Text: Public domain)

WORD

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

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider
He has thrown into the sea.
- C** **The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**
- P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters
the enemy.
- C** **You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**
- P** You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O
LORD, which You have made for Your abode, 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.**

KYRIE

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord as we remember what our God did on the third
day.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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 mercy.

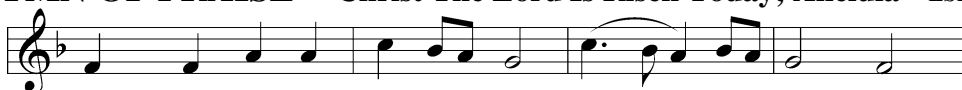
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise as we celebrate the third day, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” *LSB 463 sts. 1–2*



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

(Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt. Tune: Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821 Text and tune: Public domain)

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You turned sadness and gloom into everlasting joy through Your resurrection on the third day. Thank You for changing hopelessness to the greatest hope of all—sadness to gladness, heartbreak to knowing. Because of Your resurrection, our resurrection and life eternal is not something we just

wish for but have obtained by believing in what You have done; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 19:23–27

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

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

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF THE DAY #464 “The Strife Is O’er, The Battle Done”

SERMON “The Rolled-Away Stone” John 20:1

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.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465 st. 4*

- △ 4 Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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 all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the third day raised Him back to life. Because He was raised, we believe we also shall be raised; because He can no longer die, we believe we will be raised to life eternal through faith in Him. Therefore, with the women at the tomb, John and Peter, all who saw Him raised back to life, along with angels and archangels, we praise and glorify Your holy name, evermore praising You and singing:

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.**

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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- 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 180*

- 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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#547 The Lamb #537 Beautiful Savior #461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C And His mercy endures forever.
P Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, for giving us this Meal and celebrating it on the third day, even as He promised. We thank You for giving us pardon and peace by Your Son's true body and blood. Help us live and ever be guided by Your Holy Spirit, that we might bring forth the fruits of faith, and finally on the Last Day, be seated with Abraham and Isaac at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, who with You and the Holy Spirit are 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** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN # 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Reader Today: Jan Aslin

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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