



# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Sunday

7:00 am

April 5, 2026

*Welcome! Please join in silence as we gather.*

## Unveiling of the Cross

### GATHERING

The Easter Proclamation ending with: P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

#### \*Brass Fanfare

#### \*Processional Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today* #365

#### \*Apostolic Greeting

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#### \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Anthem

*Behold the Lamb*

Senior Choir

### WORD

#### First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

#### Psalms Reading

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (read responsively)

#### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

#### \*Gospel Acclamation

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Senior Choir

*Please join in singing*

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you O Lord.

#### \*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

#### Sermon

Pastor Heimgartner

#### \*Hymn of the Day

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* #367

#### \*Nicene Creed

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#### \*Prayers of Intercession

(Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer)

#### \*Sharing of the Peace

#### Offering

#### \*Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*

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#### \*Offertory Prayer

### MEAL

#### Great Thanksgiving

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#### \*The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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#### \*Words of Institution

#### \*Lord's Prayer

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#### Communion Distribution

*Lamb of God*

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#### Distribution Hymns

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*All baptized believers, including visitors and friends, are welcome to come forward down the center aisle, at the ushers' direction, and depart by the side aisles. Children who do not yet commune will be blessed. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. For mobility challenges, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.*

#### \*Prayer after Communion

### SENDING

#### \*Blessing

#### \*Sending Hymn

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

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#### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### Postlude

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# Today's Readings

## Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

April 5, 2026

### Prayer of the Day

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### First Reading

#### Acts 10:34-43

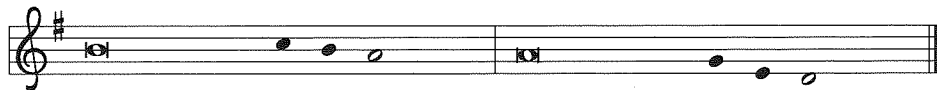
Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>39</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for

God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*or* **Jeremiah 31:1-6** [not printed]

### Psalm

#### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; tone 2



Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.  
**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.

*continued*

*Psalm, continued*

**<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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for

you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*or* **Acts 10:34-43** [see p. 1]

### Gospel

#### Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised,

as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*or* **John 20:1-18** [not printed]

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# Easter Sunday

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## Opening Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #150WT

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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Gospel Acclamation

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Christ is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Hymn of the Day Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) #101WT

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did, that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

**Chorus:** My chains are gone. I've been set free, My God my Savior, has ransomed me. And like a flood, His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

3 The Lord has promised good to me, His word, my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. **(Chorus)**

4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

## Offering This Little Light of Mine #145 WT

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## Communion Song

## Holy Spirit

1 There is nothing worth more, that will ever come close. No thing can compare, you're our living hope. Your presence, Lord. I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone in your presence, Lord.

**Chorus:** Holy Spirit you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your Glory God is what our hearts long for to be overcome by your presence Lord. **(Repeat)**

## Communion Song

## Sing to the King

#122 WT

1 Sing to the King who is coming to reign, glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain. Life and salvation His empire shall bring, joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

**Chorus:** So, come let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus. He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus. Sing to the King

2 For His returning we watch and we pray, we will be ready the dawn of that day. We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. **(Chorus x2)**

## Communion Song

## Mighty to Save

**V1:** Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior, the hope of nations.

**Chorus:** Savior, He can move the mountains . My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

**V2:** So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. **(Chorus)**

**Communion Song                      Shine On Us                      #138 WT**

**1** Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us. Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; to find our way, in the darkest night, let your light shine on us.

**2** Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us. Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; to find our way in the darkest night, let your grace, fall on us.

**3** Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us. Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; to find our way in the darkest night, let your love come over us.

**Communion Song                      Better Is One Day**

**1** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty, for my soul longs and even faints for you. For here my heart, is satisfied, within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

**Chorus:** Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house. Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

**2** One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells. **(Chorus)**

**Sending Song                      My Redeemer Lives                      #125 WT**

**V1:** I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin, I believe, I believe; my shame He's taken away, my pain is healed in His name, I believe, I believe.

**Pre-Chorus:** I'll raise a banner, cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives. My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives. **(Repeat All)**

**EASTER 2026**

# gifts & memorials

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*Enrolled in church programming?*

*Returning after a time away?*

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Fellowship Room**

For newcomers AND those returning to active participation in faith

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**Welcome Milestone Sunday is May 17, 2026  
9am Recognition | 10am Reception & Orientation**

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In honor of Rae Ann Peterson by Doug & Wanda Edge  
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Becky Paulson  
\$100 in memory of Clayton & Sylvia Swenson by John & Sue Swenson  
\$50 in memory of Dillon Easton from his family  
\$50 in memory of Steve Pihoda by Shelley Pihoda, Melissa Klocke &  
Sara Gillette & families  
\$200 in memory of our parents, Robert & Elaine Thoen and Victor &  
Elvera Krejci by Mark & Karen Thoen

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home with you after the 9am service.*