THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD— EASTER DAY

April 20, 2025

AS WE GATHER

Jesus compels us to ponder the unthinkable, the amazing—to embrace a cataclysmic event that destroys death and literally makes all things new. Resurrection! Christ's brutal coronation and crucifixion ensures that the entire cosmos, the heavens and the earth, are renewed—in resurrection! Chills soar through our souls at the very thought of it all. In confident faith we are bold to confess that king Jesus unleashes His incomparable reign, crushing the evil aggression of principalities, authorities, and even Satan himself. Unrelenting shouts and songs of alleluia shape the church today because of resurrection. Setting aside all timidity, fear, and anxiety, the church acclaims "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Resurrection confidence in Jesus unites our speech and our song on this day, as we await—with the same confidence—our own day of resurrection, with all the saints in glory.

№ PREPARATION

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of

resurrection.

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: and of ★ Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of

resurrection.

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of

resurrection.

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1–12

(The Lord is crucified, killed, and buried, but His tomb is found empty! Resurrection triumph prevails. Jesus is alive! Believers are perplexed, amazed, yet confident by faith.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And 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? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁵that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁶And they remembered his words, ⁶and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now 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, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Processional Hymn# 457 - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

setting by S. Drummond Wolf

Be ready to sing the four verses after hearing the complete melody introduction



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OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist: The light of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Liturgist: All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

People: Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.

Liturgist: Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

People: Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

Liturgist: Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

People: Our Lord has kept all God's promises!

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made; **People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

People: 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!

Pastor: 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

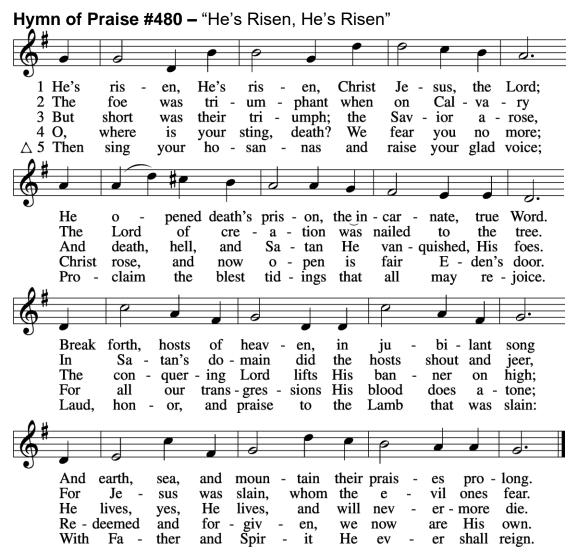
confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the

name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

₩ WORD ₩



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SALUTATION

Liturgist: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

O God, by faith in Jesus alone, we boldly confess, sing, and shout, "Jesus is

risen." He is our prayer; He is our praise!

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Liturgist: You have overcome the powers of death and darkness. Divine grace,

forgiveness, and eternal life for all are made certain in Your resurrection. Jesus is

our prayer; He is our praise!

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Liturgist: Let our sin be drowned daily in genuine repentance. Grant that we in faith wait

patiently for our own day of resurrection, when we will live with all the saints in Jesus' overwhelming light and unending feast. Jesus is our prayer; He is our

praise!

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

(God re-creates all things new!—the heavens, the earth, Jerusalem, the chosen—upending a sinbroken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

17"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
18But 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.

¹⁹I 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.

²⁰No 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.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They 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.

²³They 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.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

(In the end, the kingdom of God will rule over every power and authority. All believers shall be made alive in Christ.)

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

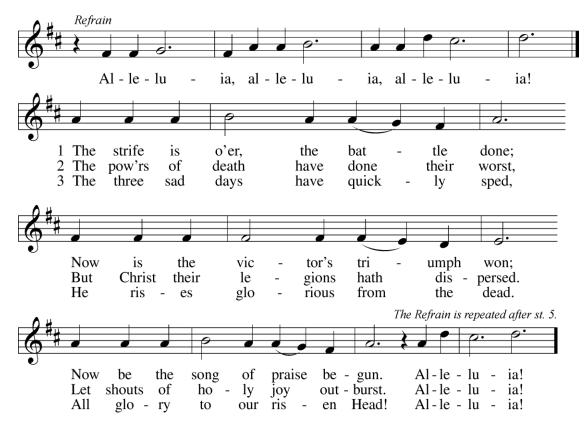
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Of the Day# 464 - "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"



- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
 From death's dread sting Thy servants free
 That we may live and sing to Thee.
 Alleluia! Refrain

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SERMON

CREED The Second Article

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Liturgist: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ,

Women: true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, Men: and also true man, born of the virgin Mary,

People: is my Lord,

Women: who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me

from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

Men: not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent

suffering and death,

People: that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in

everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Liturgist: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen

asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without

fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection,

let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among

nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may

serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, [especially . . .],

and all others we name in our hearts [silence], that they may know the healing

power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, [especially . . .],

that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away

the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and

show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their

faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Liturgist: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your

mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OFFERING

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)



▼ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

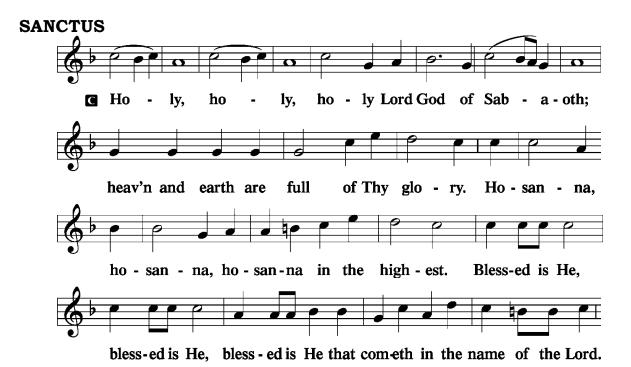
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor:

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:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and

when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ♣ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of

Me."

do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death

until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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

People: 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.

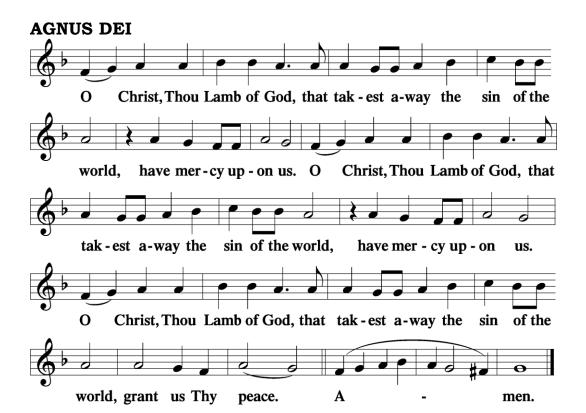
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



Continuous Line Communion

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you in Jesus' resurrection!

The Lord renew you in the promise of your resurrection—yet to be revealed.

The Lord guarantee you every dimension of eternal joy, hope, and new life.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN#525 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son, The God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En-throned in worlds a bove,

Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



Of A - wake, my soul, and sing Him who died for thee, Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who Crown Him with man - v crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys-ter - ies so bright. died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die. Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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PIANO POSTLUDE ~ "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWING SERVICE

Those Serving Today:

Pastor Rev. Charles Minetree

Officiant

Liturgist/Lay Reader Mark Smith
Director of Music Muriel Hopkins
Pianist Sandy Collins

Altar Guild Sheila Gordon/Laura Pickering

Birthdays this Week: Anniversaries:

21 Elaine Mueller Katelyn Griffin

22 Catherine Belz Gwen Heemann Moni Tenabe

23 Timothy Bardzik

This Week at Immanuel:

Sunday	April 20	9:00 am	Sunday school, ages 3-12
The Resurrection of Our Lord		10:00 am	Worship & Holy Communion

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Monday April 21 OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday April 23 12:00 pm Bible study and lunch

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Sunday April 27 9:00 am Sunday school, ages 3-12

10:00 am Worship & Holy Communion

11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Donations to our Cemetery Fund in memory of Jean Heeman were received from Cindy and David Haupt, and Sally Hermann

MINISTRY NOTES

Lutheran Mission Society in need of clothing - children, all sizes and men's larger sizes. Please bring to Compassion Place HQ, 601 Hammonds Lane.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Class. Will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays following Midweek Lent Service and the soup lunch. Next class is Wednesday, April 23rd at about 1:00 pm.

Concordia Prep School Spring 2025 Community Events

Musical Performance and Reception May 3, 7:00 pm Lutheran Activity Center

> Happy Hour May 15th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Bridges Media Center

PRAYER REQUESTS

- -Carolyn Henn, who is in the hospital in New York with a virus
- -Lisa Lewis, daughter of June Dennis
- -Jeffrey Goeller, who is recovering from surgery
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- -For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia
- -Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
- -Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown



Dedications for Easter Lilies and Begonia Baskets April 20, 2025



Gabriel and Moni Tenabe With Glory to God – Sheila Gordon

To the Glory of God

- Laura Pickering

In memory of our parents, Wallace, Bea, Marge, Dave and Charlie – Chuck and Sharon Minetree In Thanksgiving for our children, Richard, Chris, and Joshua – Chuck and Sharon Minetree

In memory of

John Rebstock, Sr. Hattie Hass Rebstock, John Rebstock, Jr., and Joyce Rebstock Herman Eggen and Emily Thompson Eggen

Parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bland and Kenneth Belz - Bland Family

Loved ones - Guenter and Elaine Schwab

Dion Hylton – Veronica Hylton

My mother-in-law, Beverly Samuel – Veronica Hylton

Rose BeLoir – Veronica Hylton

Our parents, Efiok and Affiong Adah, and George and Annie E. Flood – Denise Adah and Eyibio Adah Our sisters, Brenda E.E. Smith and Vanessa Eaton-Lema – Denise Adah and Eyibio Adah

Jean Heeman – Denise Adah and Eyibio Adah

Ted – Carolyn Henn

Our beloved Pumpkin, Jazzim, Matilda, Shelby, Lulu, Tinkerbell, Twinkle Toes, Tulip, Maya, Spike, Vous Kitty – Laura Pickering

In loving memory of

John Pickering – Laura Pickering

Paul and Alice Stoltman, Herbert and Mary Elizabeth Pickering – Laura Pickering Rudolph and Laura Greenwald, Horace and Edith Hurley, and Raymond and Bessie Pickering My mother, father, brother, husband, and good friend, Betty Howard

Bill Hermann – Sally Hermann

Our mother, Jean – Steve and Gwen Heemann

Our mother, Kate - Steve and Gwen Heemann

In Honor of

Grandchildren – Carolyn Henn Granddaughters, Madilyn and Clair – Jerry and Mary Ruble

Grateful Praise to God for our beautiful family, especially Annalise, Lucas, Madilyn Mason, and little Brian
– Emalee and Mark Smith