

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**The Resurrection Reality**  
**April 12, 2026**  
**8:00 am**



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

On Easter evening and again the following Sunday, because the disciples saw Jesus alive, they knew the resurrection was real, and they believed in Him. They were then able to witness to their faith in spite of opposition and persecution from the Jewish council. Though grieved by various traits, it was the “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:3) that enabled the Early Church to rejoice. The reality of the resurrection becomes evident to people around us as we live out our faith, confessing Jesus as Lord and offering peace and forgiveness in His name. As they come to faith, they join us and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

### **WELCOME and REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **OPENING HYMN: LSB 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!

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## **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord,  
who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may  
be feared.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, confident of His grace,  
mercy, and forgiveness.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have given  
us faith by which we are able to witness to Your  
Easter victory.

**People: We confess that too often we have remained  
silent when confronted with the possibility of  
physical harm, social shunning, and even unkind  
remarks from our neighbors. Forgive us and  
strengthen us for witness.**

Pastor: Likewise, we give thanks for the joy and hope Your resurrection provides.

**People: We confess that too often in our daily living we have let the conflict, turmoil, and immorality of the world cloud that joy with sorrow and gloom. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.**

Pastor: And we give thanks for the fellowship of believers we enjoy here in this place and wherever we gather around Your Word.

**People: We confess that we have not always demonstrated the peace and forgiveness You brought to the disciples on Easter evening. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.**

Pastor: Almighty God has given His Son to die for You and by raising Him to life again has declared that the payment for your sins has been accepted. He has given you His Holy Spirit that You may trust Him for all things and serve Him in joy. As a called and ordained servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**INTROIT:** Psalm 105: 1-5, 8; Antiphon verse 3

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name

**People: make known His deeds among the peoples!**

Pastor: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

**People: tell of all His wondrous works!**

Pastor: Glory in His holy name;

**People: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

Pastor: Seek the LORD and His strength;

**People: seek His presence continually!**

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that He has done,  
**People: His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,**

Pastor: He remembers His covenant forever,  
**People: the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Glory in His holy name;  
**People: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

### **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.  
**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**People (sing): Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** This is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set  
us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing,  
and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all  
creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: Almighty God, on Easter evening Your Son sent His disciples out with the resurrection news of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may be witnesses to His resurrection within our society and among our family and friends; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**BAPTISM** Bryson Michael Collin

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **TIME IN THE WORD**

**Children's Bible Reading: Page 354**

**First Reading: Acts 5:29-42**

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Reader: This Is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is

revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This Is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

## **RESPONSE**

**People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**People (sing): Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to

him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People (sing): Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN**: LSB 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow’rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

## **THE SERMON**

### **OFFERING | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS**

**OFFERING HYMN:** LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
(verses 1-3, 8)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
  
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
  
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.
  
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
  
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.
  
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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## **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**