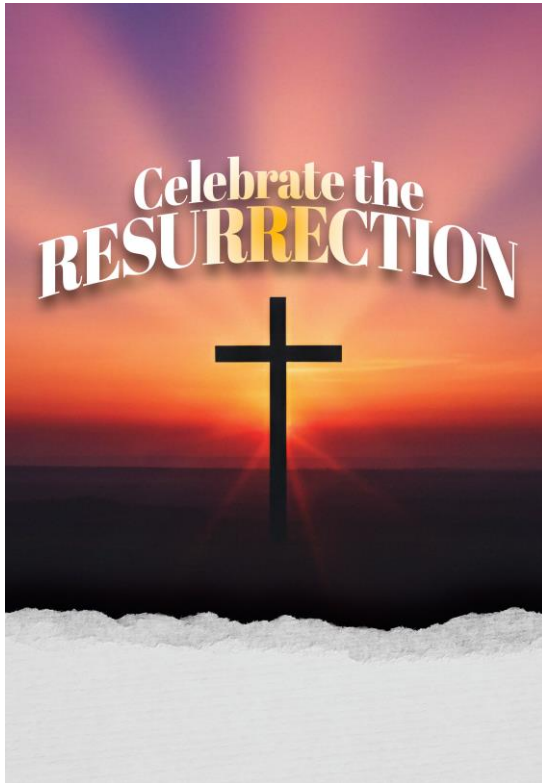


**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**April 05, 2026**  
**6:30 am**



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CHRIST CANDLE

(Enters from the back of the Sanctuary)

### EASTER GREETING

(Spoken from back of the Sanctuary)

Pastor: Just two days ago, we watched the Christ candle leave the sanctuary in darkness, symbolizing Christ's entrance into the dark tomb. Today we begin just as we left. At the tomb. But today, the tomb is empty, and the Christ candle will re-enter showing the victory that Christ has over the grave.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### PROCESSIONAL 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 and EASTER ACCLAMATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our risen Lord to confess our sin. O God of Grace, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too, come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.

**People: Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words and actions in our lives.**

Pastor: As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

**People: Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.**

Pastor: Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning.

**People: Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: The last enemy to be destroyed is death and Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the devil and through Him your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Pastor: Yours is the glory, risen Lord Jesus, and we rejoice that endless is the victory that You have won over death. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## **INTROIT**

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;

**People: the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my song,

**People: and He has become my salvation;**

Pastor: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

**People: Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**

Pastor: You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

**People: You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

Pastor: You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

**People: the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,**

Pastor: the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.

**People: The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

**All: 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.**

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;

**People: the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

## **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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

**People: And also with you.**

**Pastor: Let us pray together.**

**All: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us  
the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we  
may live before You in righteousness and purity**

**forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14:10 – 15:1**

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so, neither went near the other all night long.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the

Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord,

for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver

he has hurled into the sea.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you.

Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Pastor: 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.

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

**Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18**

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So, Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as

the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN**: LSB 469 (verses 1-2, 5-6)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.
  
- 2 Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
  
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
  
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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**SERMON**

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**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 on 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.**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING (Collect in back of Sanctuary)**

## PRAYER CARDS

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

Pastor: For the Church in this place and throughout the world, that the ways we treat one another and our neighbors may show forth the new life made possible by the resurrection of Jesus. Risen Lord,

**People: hear us in Your abundant mercy.**

Pastor: For all those who mourn during this joyous season, that putting their hope in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love, their loneliness may be overcome by Your grace. Risen Lord,

**People: hear us in Your abundant mercy.**

Pastor: For the families of our congregation, that in the daily struggles to communicate with one another, forgive one another, and honor one another, they may daily turn to Jesus' cross and resurrection for inspiration and guidance. Risen Lord,

**People: hear us in Your abundant mercy.**

Pastor: For those who are sick, facing surgery, convalescing, and for the dying, that they find in the Scriptures all the stories of rescue and deliverance in the midst of trouble, and put their hope and trust in You who

–whether there is healing or death – will not leave them nor forsake them. Risen Lord,

**People: hear us in Your abundant mercy.**

Pastor: To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers, relying on Your promise that You hear us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## **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.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

**People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**People (sing): 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.**

## **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION 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!

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 475**

Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

### **PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Assured of the victory Jesus has won for us, by the power of His resurrection, we leave the presence of

our God with His benediction.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

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

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 461 (verses 1-2, 8)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 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.
  
- 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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**SEND OFF**

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

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