

April 5, 2026

*The Resurrection of
Our Lord*



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Sundays

Adult Bible Study &
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9:30 am

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Patty Barnes

RESURRECTION LIGHT

April 5, 2026, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"A Resurrection Fanfare"

L. Smith

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen"

arr. C. Penfield

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Pastor lights a candle from the one that is burning and passes the light to the acolyte who will light the other candles at the altar area, and beyond—if there are others in the sanctuary.

P The light of Christ.

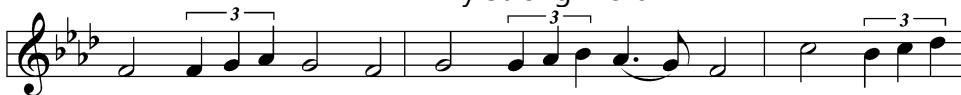
G Thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speaking it was done. For created
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own holiness, Glorious now, we
 forth in conquering might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
 Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
 press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
 ever beam-eth All Thy bright redeeming light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24; 2 Timothy 1:10b; Romans 4:28, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 6:14

- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
C Jesus our Lord was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
- P** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
C God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings and we have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have often turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, 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. God keep you strong in the Holy Spirit and grant you a life on earth in which you live in baptismal grace and joyfully tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JR. CHOIR, 9:30 Service "The Lord is Risen, Yes Indeed" Led by Merna Ahlemeyer

Refrain: The Lord is Risen, Yes Indeed!

Jesus took our sins away so we loudly sing today. Refrain

Daughters of Jerusalem come at dawn and look for Him. Refrain

Here's the news an angel gives: "He was dead but now He lives." Refrain

"Seek him not among the dead. Sing a song of joy instead. Refrain

Saxophone accompaniment provided by Jada Jenkins

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–4

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM

"Resurrection Alleluias"

T. Fettke

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He's alive!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He's alive!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of Gladness,
Sing to God a hymn Of praise.

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!

Hymns of praise then let us Sing. Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King,

Alleluia! Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save.

Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done.

Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle Won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise.

Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise.

Alleluia!

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

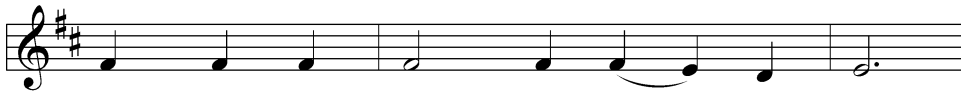
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

5 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

Stand

NICENE CREED

**☩ 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.**

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

arr. S. Keeney

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- A** That the church live out its calling and that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ be joyfully celebrated in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the nations of the world find peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray of the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A That all whose labor adds meaning and beauty to the life of the church—the musicians, artists, craft workers, flower arrangers, and others—find joy and blessing in all that they do to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, [including . . .], know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing, grant to us Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

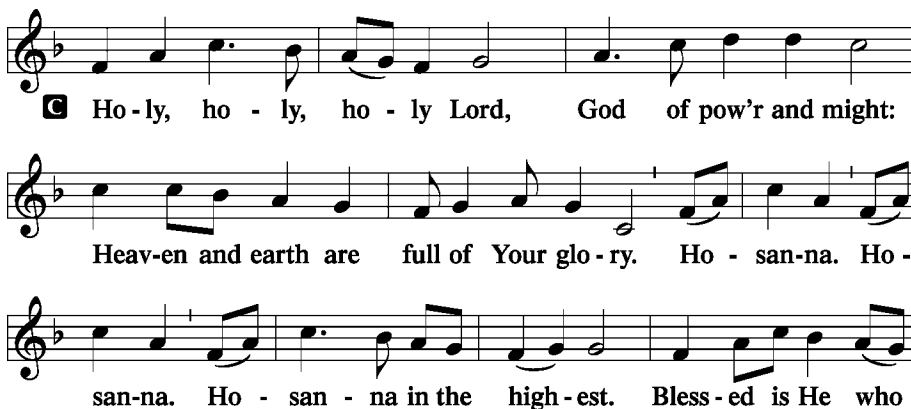
- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, our gracious heavenly Father, for in Your goodness You have given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. By the guiding of Your Spirit direct our ways that we be filled with His presence. Kindle in us the fire of Your love and grant that we ever make the good confession of our faith. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Holy are You, O God, almighty and most merciful Lord. We thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the fearsome power of sin, death, and the devil and blessing our lives from before our birth to beyond our death with Your abiding love. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow confidently and securely as people of faith, filled with Your peace and awaiting the eternal feast to come in glory everlasting.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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| <p>5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</p> | <p>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!</p> |

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VOLUNTARY

"Low in the Grave He Lay"

L. Smith

*Stand***CANTICLE**

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this wondrous Sacrament, we may die daily to sin through our Baptism and rise new and restored as we joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your glory for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life! And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“The Strife is O'er”
“Thine is the Glory”

arr. D. Elliot
arr. R. Lau

Thank you to those who bought Easter Lilies for our Easter Altar

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Organist: Patty Barnes

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Sr. Choir led by Patty Barnes

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