



**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

*As you enter, you are invited into a time  
to silently reflect and center for worship*

**Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook  
each week. Welcome to all to view.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR: Alleluia! Christ is risen!!!

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Dawn"* by Sean Paul

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 365** *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

GREETING

P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R/ And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

4 Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 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. 39 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, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 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. 42 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. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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

2 **Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

14 The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

15 **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

17 **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

18 The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

20 “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

21 **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 201

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 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. 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 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." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 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."

P/ The Gospel of the Lord **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 367** *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy R/ **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ELW 389** *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these, your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 208

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you suffered death our lives to save, have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, you set us free from guilt and grave, have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away, eternal peace with God you made, give us your peace, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **ELW 401** *"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"*

**ELW 483** *"Here is Bread"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **ELW 619** *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"*

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **R/Thanks be to God.**

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