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## EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026, 7:30 & 11:00 AM

April 8, 2026, 7:00 PM

Divine Service Setting 3 Abbreviated

### AS WE GATHER



The old Sabbath is past. The first day of the week has become the eighth day, the eternal day, the first day of the promised resurrection of the new heavens and earth. The angel knows why we are here. “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen” (Mark 16:6). His body was in the tomb of death no longer. He is now glorified, body and soul. Now when He says, “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20), we

know what He means. So we come here “very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen” (Mark 16:2) not looking for a closed entrance to a tomb but for the risen Lord speaking in His Word and touching us with forgiveness and peace “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35), His body and blood given and shed for us Christians to eat and to drink. We gather on Easter in excited yet sometimes silent joy.



### FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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 in 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 first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)*

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME

## **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

## **“Angels Roll the Rock Away”** *(Tune LSB 783)*

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| 1 Angels, roll the rock away;<br>Death, yield up thy mighty prey,<br>See, the Savior leaves the tomb,<br>Glowing with immortal bloom.  | 3 Heav'n unfolds its portals wide;<br>Mighty Conqu'ror, through them ride.<br>King of glory, mount Thy throne,<br>Boundless empire is Thine own. |
| 2 Saints on earth, lift up your eyes;<br>Now to glory see Him rise<br>In long triumph through the sky<br>Up to waiting worlds on high. | 4 Pow'rs of heaven, angel choirs,<br>Sing and play your golden lyres;<br>Sons of men, in humbler strain,<br>Sing your mighty Savior's reign.     |

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*(Please stand)*

## **INVOCATION** *(Spoken responses)*

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **EXHORTATION**

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

[John 20:19–23]

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **INTROIT**

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18, 1b*

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

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

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have  
redeemed;**

**you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

**the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.**

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

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

## **GLORIA PATRI** ♪

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.**

## **KYRIE** ♪

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ♪

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Glory be to God on high:

**and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY: Easter**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 14:10—15:1**

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will

get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,  
“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HANDBELL CHOIR (7:30 service only) “Easter Day with Joy was Bright”**

## **EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **VOCAL CHOIR (7:30 service only)**

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

*(Please stand)*

## **ALLELUIA (11:00 & Wednesday service only)**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1–18**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’

head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*(Please remain standing)*

**CREED HYMN:**

**"We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953**

*(Please be seated)*

**CHILDREN'S SONG OF THE MONTH:**

**"Alive"**

*(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)*

**He is alive, I'm thankful. The King is alive, I'm free.**

**He is alive I'm thankful. The King is alive in me.**

**He let Himself be put on a tree, but that could not hold Him down.  
He rolled that stone away from the grave, that could not hold Him down.**

**Chorus:**

**Jesus said, "Go and tell of Me," and "I will be back again.  
I'll be in ev'ry word you say," and "I will be back again."**

**Chorus:**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” LSB 469

### SERMON

### OFFERING *(Please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew.)*

*(Please stand, sing)*

### OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free  
spirit. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PREFACE *(Sing responses)*

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS ♪

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28;*

### PAX DOMINI *(Sing response)*

*John 20:19*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** 🎵

John 1:29

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **VISITORS:**

*Please read the communion statement at the beginning of this worship folder.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

“On Wings of Living Light” (Tune LSB 912)

1 On wings of living light,  
At earliest dawn of day,  
Came down the angel bright  
And rolled the stone away.  
Your voices raise with one accord  
To bless and praise your risen Lord.

3 Then rose from death’s dark gloom,  
Unseen by mortal eye,  
Triumphant o’er the tomb,  
The Lord of earth and sky.  
Your voices raise with one accord  
To bless and praise your risen Lord.

2 The keepers watching near,  
At that dread sight and sound,  
Fell down with sudden fear,  
Like dead men to the ground.  
Your voices raise with one accord  
To bless and praise your risen Lord!

4 Leave in the grave beneath  
The old things passed away;  
Buried with Him in death,  
Oh, live with Him today.  
Your voices raise with one accord  
To bless and praise your risen Lord!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free” LSB 473

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious” LSB 548

## **NUNC DIMITTIS** 🎵

Luke 2:29–32

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before  
the face of all people,**

**a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

*Psalm 107:1*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**and His mercy endureth forever.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Let us pray...  
**Amen**

## **SALUTATION**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## **BENECICAMUS**

*Psalm 103:1*

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**HYMN TO DEPART:** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB 475

## **LEAVING**

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