

April 12, 2026 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” LSB 474, vv. 1-2, 4-5

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!" (*Matthew 24:5b-6a*)

People: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Women: *"They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put Him!" (John 20:13b)*

People: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Men: *"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 it." (John 20:25b)*

People: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (*John 20:29b*)

People: Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:45)

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" African-American Spiritual/arr. Steven Calantropio

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

We confess, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" *(Mark 9:24)*

Indeed, God has given us the gift of belief through the water and the Word in our baptism, He has spoken to us through His Word, and we have received His very body and blood in Holy Communion. Our lips claim belief, but so many times our lives display unbelief. Let us reflect on those thoughts, words, and actions which conflict with our statements of belief.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

It is my duty and delight as your Pastor to share the good news with you that Jesus died and rose so your sins would be forgiven. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I now forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE**“The Day of Resurrection”****LSB 478, vv. 1, 3**

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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

Glory to you O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

HYMN**“O Sons and Daughters of the King”****LSB 470, vv. 7-8**

No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 20:30-31**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**John 20:31**

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These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Justin Weber
 Director of Christian Education

HYMN**“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”****LSB 720, vv. 1-3
(Tune: LSB 744)**

We walk by faith and not by sight,
 No gracious words we hear
 From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
 But we believe Him near.

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
 And may our faith abound
 To call on You when You are near
 And seek where You are found.

We may not touch His hands and side,
 Nor follow where He trod;
 But in His promise we rejoice
 And cry “My Lord and God!”

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SERMON**“Seeing the Savior. Sent by the Savior.”****Pastor Barry****OFFERING (10:45)****“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”****arr. Jeffrey Blersch****OFFERTORY****“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”****LSB 465, v. 3**

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For courage to face our doubts and for wisdom to bring them to Jesus who can silence our fears, let us pray:

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

For boldness to witness to Jesus Christ and to His resurrection with faithful words and deeds, let us pray:

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

For a spirit of repentance, that daily we may recall our baptism into Christ, rekindle the hope that is within us, and endeavor to live the new lives that befit the people of God, let us pray:

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, the suffering, the aged, and the dying, especially those whom we name before You, O Lord... that they may find relief, healing, and strength in Your good and gracious will, let us pray:

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Recalling Thomas and all the disciples, and those who have confessed Christ as Lord in every generation, let us add our voices to theirs, that together we might proclaim the mystery of the faith and give witness to the hope which is within us, let us pray:

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482, vv. 1, 3

This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain*

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the
QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Kenley Sandvig/10:45 Emma Johnson
Elders: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Paul Dolan
10:45 Brian Honebrink
Usher Team: 8:00 Josh Kulzer/9:30 Mike Bennes/10:45 Andy Tesch
Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Gary Herber
9:30 Mindi Baker, Amy Feek
10:45 Steve Baker, Jana Beckendorf
Tech Crew: 8:00 Jerry Hanson/9:30 Adam Breczinski
10:45 Julie Bruce
Coffee Hour: 9:00 Zabel Family

UPCOMING WEEK	
Sunday, April 12	Youth Night 6:00pm
Monday, April 13	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 14	Elders Meeting 6:30pm
	Mary Martha Guild Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 15	Moms in the Word 9:30am
Thursday, April 16	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
	Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm
	Jersey Mike's Youth Fundraiser 4:00pm-8:00pm
Friday, April 17	AA 6:30pm
Saturday, April 18	Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study 7:30am
Sunday, April 19	Worship with Communion 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am
	MMG Circles of Love Ticket Sale 8:00am-12:00pm

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Roger Forner
 Mary Snorek
 Angeline Rannow
 Ruth Anderson
 Elizabeth Wysocki

Emily Pagelkopf
 Stephen Wetzel
 Anne Dutcher
 Brody Miller
 Tim Laubach

Lois Wenz
 Pastor Al Holthus
 Jolene Berg

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt
 John Barney
 Merlin Bentz
 Jack Boman
 Jimann Campbell
 Julie Carver
 Marguerite Craighead
 Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss
 Sid & Merna Fjelstad
 Dennis Gaarder
 Ruth Harms
 Eugene Henke
 Carol Jones
 Len Kallsen
 Tracy Koepsell

Gretchen Laubach
 Marilyn Lenzen
 Melinda Meuwissen
 Steve Pond
 Cliff Waller
 Ruth Ziegler

Celebrating Birthdays

4/12

Finley DeWaard
Nolan Schneider

4/13

Linda Knox
Megan Langmade
Jessica Lewis
Andy Tesch

4/14

Cindy Bauer
Tim Bode
Andrea Eggert
Titus Leao

4/14

Joseph Walden

4/15

David Burfield
Rayen DuToit
Christy Garner

Ann Leier

Joey Matzke

Eli Schmidt

Dan Stewart

4/16

Amanda Milbrandt
Jay Molnau

4/16

Dan Paulson

4/17

Jeff Davenport
Charlie Huibregtse
Michelle Wrase

4/18

Chad Clemens

Celebrating Anniversaries

4/14 Jason and Kristin Beussman

4/14 Ryan and Sara Buesgens

4/16 Steve and Kimberly Ische

Expectant Moms

Clara Crawley-Reid

Christina Krueger

Brenda Simpson

Brittany Thormodson

Kourtney Vipond