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Alleluia! Christ is risen!



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Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist (9:00 am)	Ed Shaffer
(11:00 am)	Jeremey Henrickson
Organist	Anne Bennet

Service Guidelines

- Follow the directions of greeters, hosts, Pastor, and elders about how and when to enter, where to sit, how to receive communion, when to exit, and so forth
- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed
- No handshakes, hugs, or touches. Keep 6 feet apart unless you are a joint household
- Masks are to be worn at all times, those with medical or health issues excepted
- Movement into & out of the sanctuary should be kept to a minimum
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors
- Don't overcrowd – cars, conversations/groups in walkways or doorways, etc.
- Extended conversations are encouraged, but outdoors & after service

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

The body of Christ will be placed into the hand. The blood of Christ will be received from individual glass cups. Distribution will be in a continuous line rather than at the altar rail.

Prayer for Worship

Thanksgiving for the resurrection: O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Before communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may be faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Cover image: "The Resurrection" (c. 1457–1459).
Painting by Andrea Mantegna (1431–1506)
from the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Tours, France.

> Please stand and face the processional crucifix at the entrance to the nave. <

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE: TLH 199

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| <p>1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, "Alleluia!"
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, "Alleluia!"</p> | <p>3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2 Love's redeeming work is done! Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won! Alleluia!
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er! Alleluia!
Lo, He sets in blood no more! Alleluia!</p> | <p>4 Lives again our glorious King! Alleluia!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save! Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O Grave? Alleluia!</p> |

THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Amen.

The 11:00 am service continues with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. See the separate insert.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

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

Psalm 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

Amen.

Following the baptism, the 11:00 am service continues with the Introit.

THE INTROIT

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 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.

THE 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.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

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. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

from the Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6–9

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TUNE: TLH 210

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| <p>1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
 Now is the victor's triumph won;
 Now be the songs of praise begun.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
 He rises glorious from the dead.
 All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
 Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!</p> | <p>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!</p> |
| <p>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!</p> | |

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from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospels: Mark 16:1–8

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Having confessed our faith during the baptism, the Creed is omitted during the 11:00 am service.

THE NICENE CREED

Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, 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.

TUNE: TLH 200

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| 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. | 4 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. |
| 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. | 5 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. |
| 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 6 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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The Sermon

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me out of Your presence,
nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.**

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion. <

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

**Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

grant us Your peace! Amen.

Holy Communion

Note on Holy Communion: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise His very body and blood are really present, so that we come into direct communion with the exalted Christ and His forgiveness. As we do so, we also bear witness to the oneness in doctrine of those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we kindly ask guests to speak with pastor before communing so that all who receive Holy Communion with us might first be properly instructed. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: LSB 633

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| <p>1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!</p> |
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5 **Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

6 **Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!**

7 **Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!**

△ 8 **Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

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11:00 AM ONLY – DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: ST. KEVIN

- 1 **Come, believers, sing the song of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness,
Freed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
On dry ground He leads us out through the Red Sea waters!**
- 2 **All the night of death gone by—Passover resounding!
From this world into the sky—Exodus astounding!
He was dead but, see, He lives, scars and triumph showing!
All He is to us He gives, endless life bestowing!**
- 3 **Spring has come for souls today: Christ has burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death, like the sun has risen!
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom we give love and praise undying!**
- 4 **Hallelujah! Now we cry to our King Immortal
Who was lifted once to die, then through heaven's portal!
Now He stands among His own, banishing our sadness!
Come, believers, sing the song of triumphant gladness!**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your 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.**

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

We thank You, All-Powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray: Father of mercy, by this Holy Food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God, now, and in the endless world to come. Amen.

Dearest Lord Jesus, Master and Savior, Alpha and Omega, Firstborn from the dead, thanks and praise and glory to You. O risen Brother, Living God, lead us and we will follow You to the cross, to the grave, and to the skies. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD turn His face toward you and ✠ give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: TLH 199

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| <p>6 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!</p> | <p>8 For the sheep the Lamb hath bled. Alleluia!
 Now the Firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
 Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
 Lives and reigns for evermore. Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>7 Christ, the Victim Undeified, Alleluia!
 God and man hath reconciled, Alleluia!
 When in strange and awful strife, Alleluia!
 Met together Death and Life. Alleluia!</p> | <p>9 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
 Foll'wing our exalted Head! Alleluia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Alleluia!</p> |
- △ **10 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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God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Exodus 14:10–31	Hebrews 7:23–8:13
M	Exodus 15:1–18	Hebrews 9:1–28
Tu	Exodus 15:19–16:12	Hebrews 10:1–18
W	Exodus 16:13–35	Hebrews 10:19–39
Th	Exodus 17:1–16	Hebrews 11:1–29
F	Exodus 18:5–27	Hebrews 12:1–24
Sa	Exodus 19:1–25	Hebrews 13:1–21

On the Resurrection of Our Lord

*As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord,
we focus on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ
in His state of exaltation, as it is briefly expressed
in the Augsburg Confession.*

[Our churches teach that Jesus Christ] also descended into hell, and on the third day truly rose again. Afterward He ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father. There He reigns forever and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead.

The Augsburg Confession, Article III, 4–6

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

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. *LSB 461:1*

Verse for Meditation

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia!
1 Corinthians 15:20a

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers, and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil; for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family; for our schools, communities, and neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

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 rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God, now and in the endless world to come. Amen.

Readings for the Second Sun. of Easter, April 11
Acts 4:32–35; Ps. 148; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31