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The Resurrection of Our Lord

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by Mrs. Lynn Cinnater in memory of Dr. Ray & Bradley Cinnater.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

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† PREPARATION †

HYMN	"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB #457 (Stand at last verse)
INVOCATION	
Pastor:	In the name of the Father,
People:	the creator of all things, including a plan to save fallen humanity;
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Pastor:	and of His † Son, Jesus,
People:	who redeemed us from the curse of the Law by dying on the cross and was raised to life again on the third day;
Pastor:	and in the name of the Holy Spirit,
People:	who brings us to faith and keeps us steadfast in the faith. Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor:	Christ is risen!
People:	He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Revelation 1:8*

Pastor:	He is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,
People:	"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
Pastor:	Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?
People:	Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.
Pastor:	What then is your hope?
People:	My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing what He did forgives my every sin.
Pastor:	Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, "Go and sin no more." Do you promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you will amend your sinful life?
People:	Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life, turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to lead a life that glorifies God.
Pastor:	Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: 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.
People:	Amen! He is risen indeed!
	† WORD †

INTROIT *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*

Pastor:	I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
People:	The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
Pastor:	Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
People:	You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.
Pastor:	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.
People:	The Lord will reign forever and ever.
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Pastor: People:	I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
KYRIE	
Pastor:	In peace, let us pray to the Lord as we remember what our God did on the third day.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: People:	For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor:	For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:	For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise as we celebrate the third day, let us pray to the Lord.
People:	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor:	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People:	Amen.
HYMN	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" LSB #463
SALUTATION	

And also with you.
The Lord be with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:	Let us pray.
People:	Lord Jesus, You turned sadness and gloom into everlasting joy
	through Your resurrection on the third day. Thank You for changing
	hopelessness to the greatest hope of all—sadness to gladness,
	heartbreak to knowing. Because of Your resurrection, our
	resurrection and life eternal is not something we just wish for but
	have obtained by believing in what You have done; for You live and
	reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
	forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah* 65:17–25

¹⁷"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

	¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
	in that which I create;
	for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
	and her people to be a gladness.
	¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
	and be glad in my people;
	no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
	and the cry of distress.
	²⁰ No more shall there be in it
	an infant who lives but a few days,
	or an old man who does not fill out his days,
	for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
	and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
	²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
	they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
	²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
	they shall not plant and another eat;
	for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
	and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
	²³ They shall not labor in vain
	or bear children for calamity,
	for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
	and their descendants with them.
	²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
	while they are yet speaking I will hear.
	²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
	the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
	and dust shall be the serpent's food.
	They shall not hurt or destroy
	in all my holy mountain,"
	says the Lord.
Lector:	This is the Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.
PSALM	Psalm 118:15–29
Pastor:	Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

People:	"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"
Pastor:	I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
People:	The Lord has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.
Pastor:	Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
People:	This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
Pastor:	I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
People:	The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
Pastor:	This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
People:	This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in
	it.
Pastor:	Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!
People:	Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless You from the house of the Lord.
Pastor:	The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
People:	Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
Pastor:	You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.
People:	Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures
	forever!
EPISTLE	1 Corinthians 15:19–26
	¹⁹ If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
	²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man
	has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die,

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: People:	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Stand	
VERSE	2 Timothy 1:10b
Pastor:	Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.
People:	Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
HOLY GOSPEL	Luke 24:1–12
Pastor: People:	The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ. CREED Nicene Creed People: 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB #474

SERMON

MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor:	On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.
People:	We know that if we ask anything in Your name and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayer but You promise to answer it.
Pastor:	Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of You, we lay before Your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.
People:	You not only sacrificed Your life for our sins on the cross, but You defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before You, offering our thanks, praise, and service to You.
Pastor:	We pause to remember the events of the third day:
People:	The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.
Pastor: People:	In each case, You brought joy to those circumstances. Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what You did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with Your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor:	We remember before Your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of Your care, [especially].
People:	We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before Your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to Your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.
Pastor:	For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;
People:	Look with compassion on those struggling paycheck to paycheck; for the homeless, the ones living in poverty; and so many we have not named but are known to You, almighty God. Care for them as only You can. Lord, hear our prayer.
Pastor: People:	We pray for those who govern, both in our land and in others. We pray for world leaders and all in authority, that they would be guided by Your Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Pastor:	We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.
People:	As You showed grace to the thief on the cross, show Your grace to those imprisoned who do not know You. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.
Pastor: People:	Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests. We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.
OFFERTORY HYMN	"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB #488

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor:	It is truly good, 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:
SANCTUS	"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB #940, verses 1 & 5
	Holy God, we praise Thy name;
	Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
	All on earth Thy scepter claim,
	All in heav'n above adore Thee.
	Infinite The vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
	Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
	Though in essence only one,
	Undivided God we claim Thee.
	And, adoring, bend the knee
	While we own the mystery.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:	Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have
	looked on us, whom You created, and sent Your only-begotten Son
	into this world to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we
	give thanks to You for His all-availing death on the cross, bringing life
	and salvation for all who will believe.

Gathered in the name and in the remembrance of Jesus on this third day, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us in our faith as we receive His true body and blood in this Sacrament. Gather Your children from every tribe, nation, people, and tongue, to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously deliver and preserve us, for to You, almighty God, be all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

Pastor: 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 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Pastor: 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 Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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

Pastor:	The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People:	Amen.
AGNUS DEI	"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB #633 verses 1 & 4
	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!
	Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,

Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Glorious Day" John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker

One day when heaven was filled with His praises, One day when sin was as black as could be. Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men my example is He. Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying he saved me, Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day they led him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree. Suffering anguish despised and rejected, Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He. Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, That took the nails for me

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying he saved me, Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day the grave could conceal him no longer. One day the stone rolled away from the door. Then he arose over death he had conquered. Now has ascended my Lord ever more. Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him, from rising again

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying he saved me, Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever One day He's coming, Oh glorious day, Oh glorious da-ay, Oh glorious da-ay

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming! One day the skies with his glory will shine! Wonderful day my beloved one bringing my Savior! Jesus is mine......

Chorus

Living he loved me, dying he saved me, Buried he carried, my sins far away. Rising he justified, freely forever One day He's coming, Oh glorious day!, oh glorious da-ay!!, Oh glorious da-ay!!, Oh glorious day.

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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB #461

Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB #466, verses 1 & 5

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People:	And His mercy endures forever.
Pastor:	Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, for giving us this Meal and celebrating it on the third day, even as He promised. We thank You for giving us pardon and peace by Your Son's true body and blood. Help us live and ever be guided by Your Holy Spirit, that we might bring forth the fruits of faith, and finally on the Last Day, be seated with Abraham and Isaac at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.
People:	Amen.
BENEDICTION	Numbers 6:24–26
Pastor:	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.
People:	Amen.
HYMN	"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB #465

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

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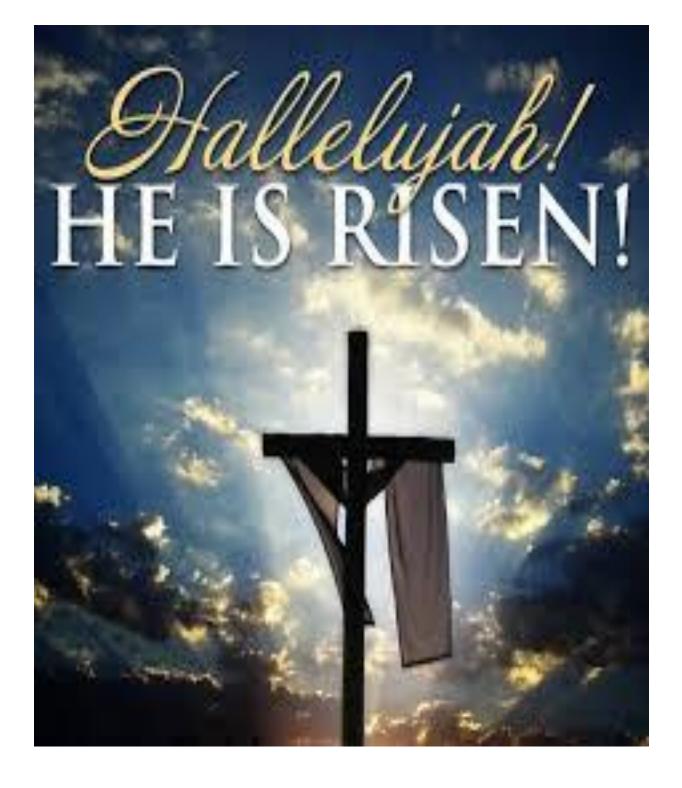
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This	Week	at	Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service Easter Brunch following service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	•	Confirmation Class Potluck Fellowship Prayer & Praise

For the week April 20 - 26, 2025

Birthdays 04/22 Cameron Shroyer Sirpa Lawson 04/23 Mitch Tabor Baptismal Anniversaries 04/25 Cindy Bush Haize Shroyer

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Easter Lilies

If you ordered an Easter Lily, please pick it up after Easter worship service. Please be sure to pick them up no later than next Sunday. Also, please leave the plastic tray behind. Thank You.