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The Resurrection of Our Lord	April 5, 2026
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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 in celebration of Zayli Hebert's 17th birthday on the 7th.

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 1 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.

† PREPARATION †

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pastor: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

He passes the light to the acolyte who will light the other candles at the altar area.

Pastor: The light of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB #477 (Stand for last verse)*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24; 2 Timothy 1:10b; Romans 4:28, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 6:14*

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

People: **Jesus our Lord was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**

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

People: **God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings and we have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have often turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us**

victory over all that oppresses us and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Pastor: In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, 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. God keep you strong in the Holy Spirit and grant you a life on earth in which you live in baptismal grace and joyfully tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

HYMN OF PRAISE *"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB #488*

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

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

People: **The Lord is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal- | vation.**

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 ho- | ly 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,

People: **the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have es- | tablished.*
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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
People: **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.**

Sit

HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: One of the oldest hymn texts in *Lutheran Service Book* is "The Day of Resurrection." In translating the Greek text written by John of Damascus in the eighth century, English scholar John Mason Neale included this prayerful exclamation: "Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light" (*LSB* 478:2). There is a brightness to Easter that issues from the open and empty tomb and surrounds the risen Lord. In his Gospel record, John proclaims Jesus Christ is "the light of the world," the light no darkness can overcome (John 8:12; 1:5). We celebrate that resurrection light as we sing together "The Day of Resurrection" (*LSB* 478).

HYMN *"The Day of Resurrection" LSB #478*

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–42*

Gentiles Hear the Good News

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 16*

People: **Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.**

Women: *I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.” As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

Men: *The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

People: **The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.**

Women: *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.*

Men: *I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

People: **For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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.

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1–4*

Put On the New Self

If then 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 things that are above, not on 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GRADUAL *adapt. Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1–10*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

The Resurrection

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB #457*

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

CREEDAL HYMN

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

A greeting of peace may be exchanged by the gathered congregation at this time.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

That the church live out its calling and that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ be joyfully celebrated in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the nations of the world find peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That all whose labor adds meaning and beauty to the life of the church—the musicians, artists, craft workers, flower arrangers, and others—find joy and blessing in all that they do to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, [including . . .], know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing, grant to us Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

† 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 proper that we should give thanks to You, our gracious heavenly Father, for in Your goodness You have given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. By the guiding of Your Spirit direct our ways that we be filled with His presence. Kindle in us the fire of Your love and grant that we ever make the good confession of our faith. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SANCTUS *“Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB #507, verse 1*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy are You, O God, almighty and most merciful Lord. We thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the fearsome power of sin, death, and the devil and blessing our lives from before our birth to beyond our death with Your abiding love. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood that we grow confidently and securely as people of faith, filled with Your peace and awaiting the eternal feast to come in glory everlasting.

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 *"When All the World Was Cursed" LSB #346 verse 3*

**Behold the Lamb of God that bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes the devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy will* full atonement win.**

**Future tense because proclaimed by John the Baptist prior to the cross.*

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" LSB #469

"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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“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” LSB #463

Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” LSB #632*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
O Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this wondrous Sacrament, we may die daily to sin through our Baptism and rise new and restored as we joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your glory for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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*

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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.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service LWML Easter Brunch following Worship Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	New Member Class
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	New Member Class

Pastor Rich will be having surgery on April 13th - He will be out until April 19th.

For the week April 5 - 11, 2026

Birthday
04/06 Karoline Giroir
04/11 Bret Cuneo

Baptismal Anniversaries
04/08 Hudson Spolarich

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Dennis Armstrong, Frank Alessio and Hudson Spolarich.

BATTLING CANCER: Charlene Shroyer and Marilyn Beach.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Cunningham.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, John Partain, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Rev. John Ramsey Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Donna Elke and Henry Stegall.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and Roman Myles and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Abbie Schmitt, Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim - Cole.



Grace's Mission

*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service,
Love, Teaching and Fellowship*

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure *all* doors are locked *and* closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.