



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 5, 2026**

**PRELUDE**

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* (arr. Paul Davis)  
Brass

**WELCOME**

**GREETING**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW 365)

- 1** **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!**  
**our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**  
**who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!**  
**suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
  
- 2** **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**  
**unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!**  
**who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**  
**sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
  
- 3** **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!**  
**our salvation have procured; Alleluia!**

now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

P The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope,  
be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

##### *Refrain*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb  
Who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free  
To be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and  
Strength, and honor,  
Blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who as slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

*Final Refrain*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**R** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 118

*Sing after cantor's introduction and each verse*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -  
joice and be glad; this is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re - rejoice and be glad!

Verses: Cantor

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever;  
Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever." **R**
2. The hand of the Lord has struck with pow'r, his right hand is exalted,  
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. **R**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,  
The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes! **R**

**SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**R** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**KIDS' MESSAGE**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: cantor - All - verse - All



Verse: cantor

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Andrew Kitzing

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (ELW 367)

**1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, 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!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead.**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS**

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray  
for the needs of all creation.

*After each petition, respond with, "receive our prayer."*

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all  
the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

#### **PEACE OF CHRIST IS SHARED**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

#### **MUSIC OFFERING**

*Our Lord Is Risen!* (Ruth Elaine Schram)  
FaithTrek & Youth Orff Ensemble  
Erin Niebuhr & Amanda Andersen, directors

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious king,**

**Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his wounded side.  
Alleluia!**

**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!**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed... *(here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord...with all your saints in light.

C **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

P We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

C **This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!**

### LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us,**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us,**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives* (arr. Marty Parks)

Erin Pfister, vocal

Bonita Thomsen, piano

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* (ELW 369)

1 **Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

*Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,

scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

- 3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

*The Day of Resurrection!* (ELW 361)

- 1 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.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light,  
and list'ning to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing,  
may raise the glad refrain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
let earth its song begin,

**the round world keep high 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!**

**4 All praise to God the Father,  
all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory  
ascribe to God alone!**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

**P** May almighty God, who raised our Lord from death, lift you up and restore your life in the victory of God's Son.

**C Amen.**

**P** May Jesus Christ, the Son of God, give you his word of new life, that you might be strengthened by the power of his resurrection to life everlasting.

**C Amen.**

**P** May God the Holy Spirit, who creates, calls, and gathers the Church in faith, keep you in God's baptismal promise this day and always.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, Father ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* (ELW 385)

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. In Christ, you are made new.

**C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Alleluia* (Jacob Gallus)

Brass

Lead Pastor: Erin Heidelberger  
Associate Pastor: Andrew Kitzing  
Cantor: Erin Pfister  
Live Streaming: Brian Niebuhr

Brass

Trumpet – Alex Hinton, RJ Metteer, Jay Sears  
Baritone - Tony Anderson, Paul Runyan; Tuba - Steve Janssen  
Timpani – Tom Thorpe

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