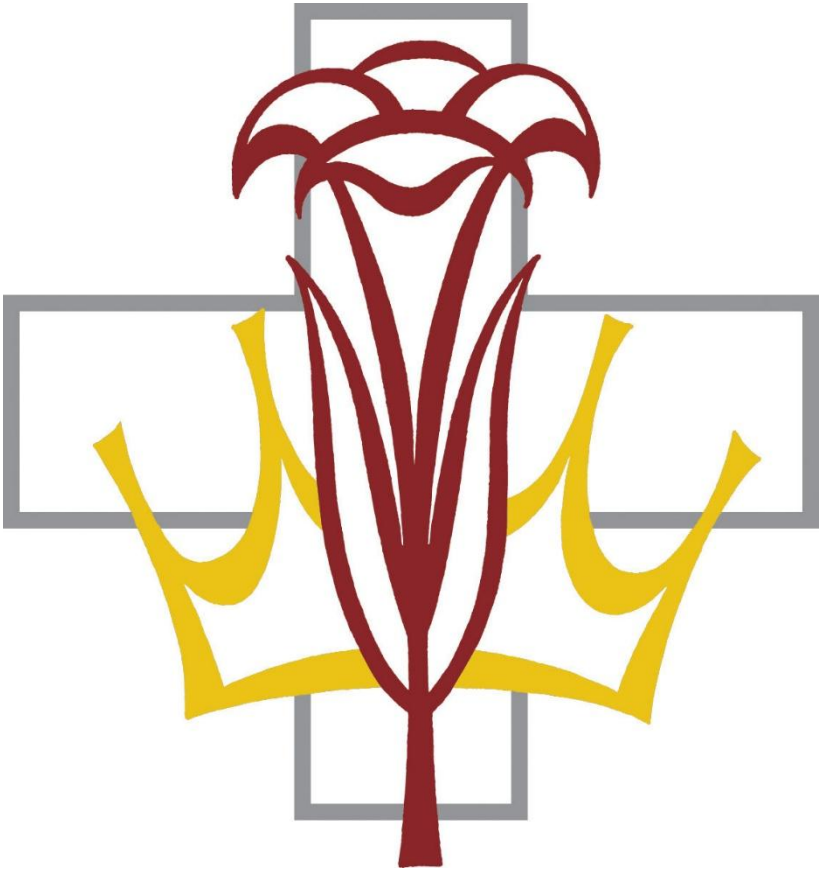


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



## Order of Worship

*April 5, 2026 11:00 AM*

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## 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.

*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.*

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

## Communion Theology and Practice

Please see our statement of Communion Theology and Practice  
on the back page of the worship bulletin.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the  
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

## Easter Day

Divine Service

**Handbell Choir**

“Song of Joy”

*Sherman*

Welcome

*Stand*

**Song** Christ the Lord is Risen Today *Wesley, Davidica, Galbraith*  
*LSB 457 Verse 1, Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**VERSE**

1. Christ the Lord is ris - en to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King. Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - le - lu - ia!

5  
Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - - - le lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
o Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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7  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, He all doth save. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

13  
 Sing, ye heav - ens and earth, re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ had o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!

18  
 ia! Christ is

25 **CHORUS**  
 ris - en! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 give Him all the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia! He is

29  
 ris - en! He is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! We will  
 wor - thy! He is

33  
 ho - ly! Al - le - - - lu - ia!

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Song**

**My Savior Lives**

*Egan, Packiam*

*Verse 1, Chorus Verse 2, Chorus Bridge x3, Chorus x2*

**Intro** **1 Verse**

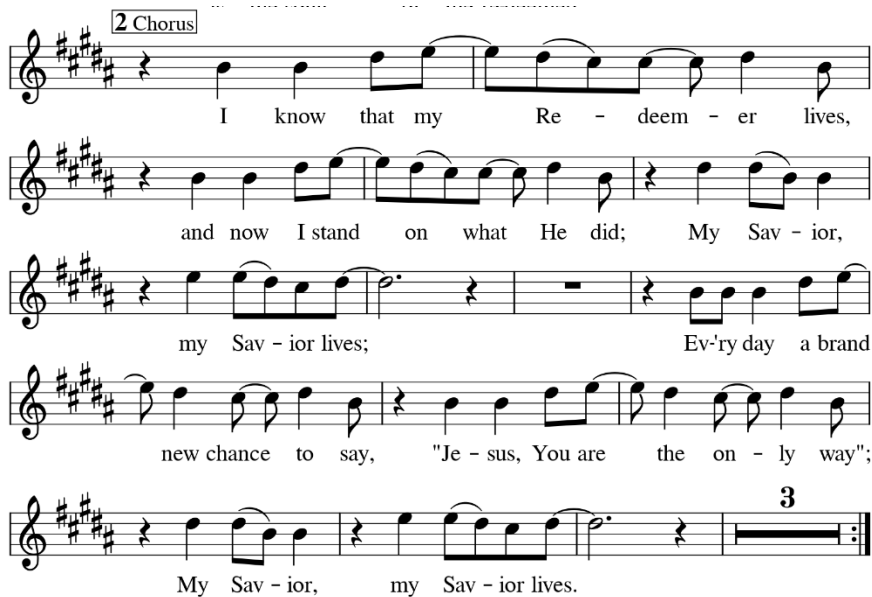
1. Our God will reign for ev - er, and all the world  
 2. The King has come from Heav-en, and dark-ness trem-

will know His Name; Ev - 'ry-one to - geth-er  
 - bles at His Name; Vic - to - ry for - ev - er

sing the song of the re-deemed.  
 is the song of the re-deemed.

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**2 Chorus**



I know that my Re - deem - er lives,  
 and now I stand on what He did; My Sav - ior,  
 my Sav - ior lives; Ev-'ry day a brand  
 new chance to say, "Je - sus, You are the on - ly way";  
 My Sav - ior, my Sav - ior lives. **3**

**3 Bridge 16 Men only**



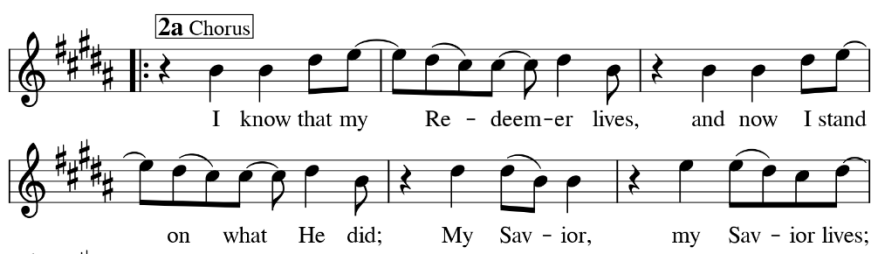
My Sav - ior lives, my Sav - ior  
 lives, my Sav - ior lives.

**3a Bridge All sing**

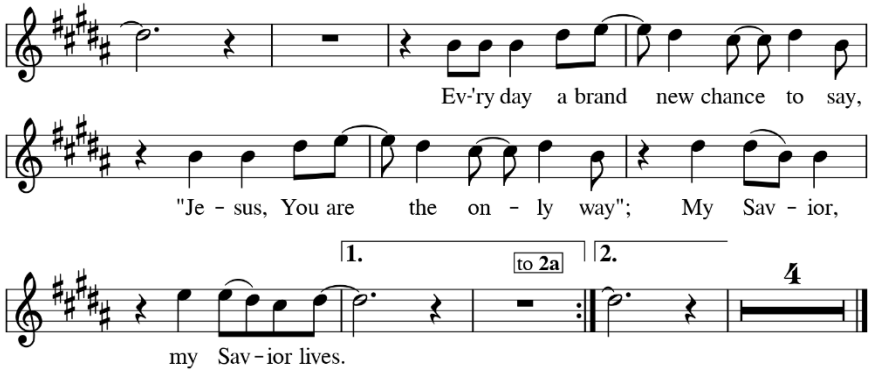


My Sav - ior lives, my Sav - ior  
 lives, my Sav - ior lives. **1.** **2.**  
 lives.

**2a Chorus**



I know that my Re - deem - er lives, and now I stand  
 on what He did; My Sav - ior, my Sav - ior lives;



Ev-'ry day a brand new chance to say,  
 "Je - sus, You are the on - ly way"; My Sav - ior,  
 my Sav - ior lives.

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10*

**A** Together, we speak Psalm 16 responsively:

<sup>10</sup>*For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
 or let your holy one see corruption.*

**<sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God,  
 for in you I take refuge.**

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
 I have no good apart from you."

**<sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land,  
 they are the excellent ones,  
 in whom is all my delight.**

<sup>4</sup>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.

**<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
 you hold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
 indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
 in the night also my heart instructs me.**

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
 because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ▶

**<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.**

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

**<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**C 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.**

<sup>10</sup>*For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.*

## Collect of the Day

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>"At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people."

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines  
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when watchmen will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.'

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Praise Band**

“Risen”

*Binion, Houghton, Dufrene*

## **Gradual**

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

**C** **Christ has risen from the dead.**

**[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.**

## **Epistle**

*Colossians 3:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>If then 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 things that are above, not on 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and 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 to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**G** **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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

**Song**

**Praise The King**

*Voss, Smith, Bryce, Farren*

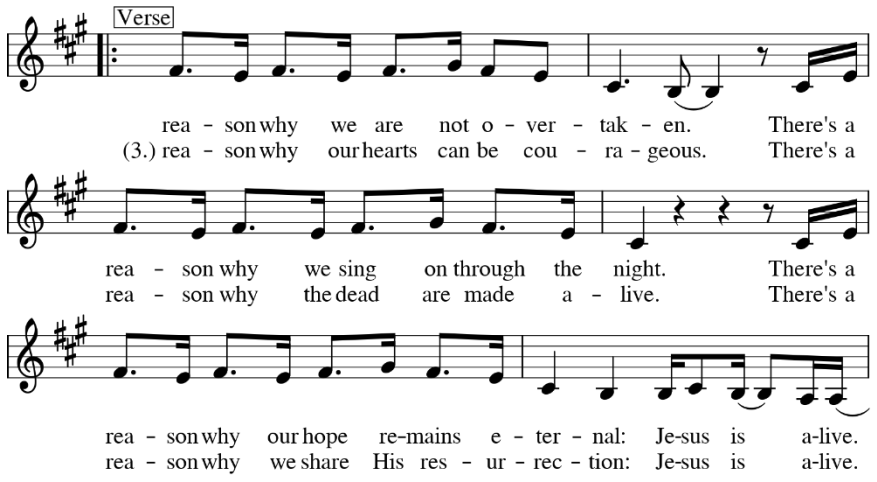
*Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Bridge x2, Chorus*

Verse

1. There's a rea - son why the curse of sin is  
bro - ken. There's a rea - son why the dark - ness runs from  
light. There's a rea - son why we stand here now for -  
giv - en: Je - sus is a - live. 2. There's a

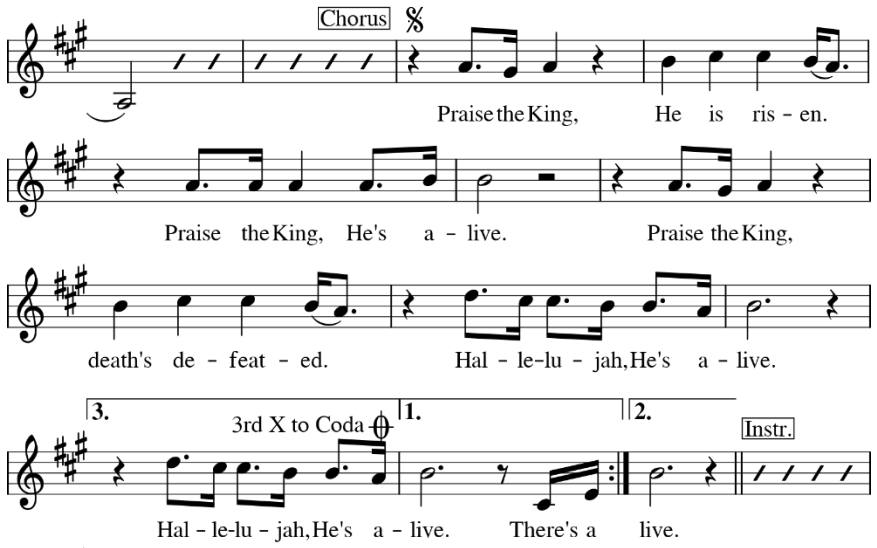
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**Verse**



rea - son why we are not o - ver - tak - en. There's a  
 (3.) rea - son why our hearts can be cou - ra - geous. There's a  
 rea - son why we sing on through the night. There's a  
 rea - son why the dead are made a - live. There's a  
 rea - son why our hope re-mains e - ter - nal: Je-sus is a-live.  
 rea - son why we share His res - ur - rec - tion: Je-sus is a-live.

**Chorus** %



Praise the King, He is ris - en.  
 Praise the King, He's a - live. Praise the King,  
 death's de - feat - ed. Hal - le-lu - jah, He's a - live.

3. 3rd X to Coda 1. 2. **Instr.**



Hal - le-lu - jah, He's a - live. There's a live.

**Bridge**



The  
 grave could not ig - nore it, all of heav-en's roar - ing.  
 Hell, where is your vic - t'ry, death, where is your sting? The

world could not ig - nore it when all the saints are roar - ing.

Hell, where is your vic - t'ry, death, where is your sting? The

death, where is your sting? live.

Hal - le - lu - jah, He's a - live. Hal - le - lu - jah, He's a - live.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray ...
- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

Sit

## Song

## Revelation Song

Riddle

Verse 1 (sung twice), Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus

VERSE (sing twice)

1. Wor-thy is the Lamb Who was slain;—  
Ho-ly, ho-ly is He;— Sing a new song  
to Him Who sits on Heav-en's mer-cy seat.—

CHORUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al-might-y  
Who was and is and is to come;  
With all cre-a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings;  
You are my ev-'ry-thing and I will a-dore You.

VERSE

2. Clothed in rain - bows\_ of liv - ing col - or, \_\_\_  
 flash - es of light - ning, rolls of thun - der; -  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, strength and glo - ry and pow - er be \_\_\_  
 to You the on - ly wise King. \_\_\_

CHORUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y  
 Who was \_\_\_ and is \_\_\_ and is \_\_\_ to come;  
 With all cre - a - tion I \_\_\_ sing praise to the King of kings;  
 You are my ev - 'ry - thing \_\_\_ and I will a - dore You. \_\_\_

VERSE - Praise Band only

3. Filled with won - der, \_\_\_ awe - struck won - der, \_\_\_  
 at the men - tion of \_\_\_ Your Name;

continued on next page



Je - sus, Your Name is pow - er, breath and liv - ing wa - ter



Such a mar - vel - ous mys - ter - y. — Yeah. —

*CHORUS*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y



Who was — and is — and is — to come;



With all cre - a - tion I — sing praise to the King of kings;



You are my ev - 'ry - thing — and I will a - dore You. —




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y



Who was — and is — and is — to come;



With all cre - a - tion I — sing praise to the King of kings;



You are my ev - 'ry - thing — and I will a - dore You. —

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## EASTER SUNDAY

5 April 2026

### Readings

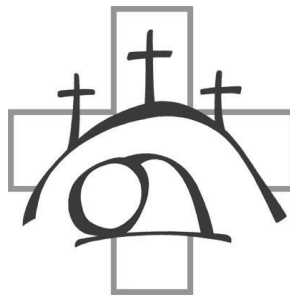
Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6

Colossians 3:1–4

Matthew 28:1–10

### ***The Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection***

Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, *"after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week"* (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, *"who was crucified,"* who *"has risen, as he said"* (Matt. 28:5–6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because *"you have died"* with Him in Holy Baptism, *"you have been raised with Christ"* and *"your life is hidden with Christ in God"* (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is *"the God of all the clans of Israel,"* and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He *"shows no partiality"* (Acts 10:34), but *"everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name"* (Acts 10:43). As *"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power"* and *"raised him on the third day,"* He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 April 2026

### Readings

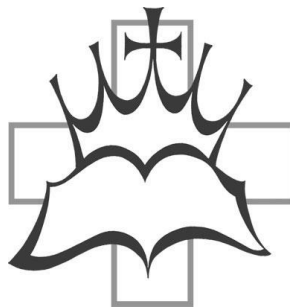
Acts 5:29–42

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31

### ***Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel***

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives *“repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins”* (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He *“is the Christ, the Son of God,”* so that by such faith we *“may have life in his name”* (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the *“living hope”* to which we have been *“born again”* and by which we are guarded *“for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”* (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, *“though you have not seen him, you love him,”* and by the mercies of God *“you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory”* (1 Peter 1:8).



## Communion Theology and Practice

Welcome! In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Matthew 26:26-28). In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant should examine him or herself and come to the Lord's Table seeking these things. As the Small Catechism teaches, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" We likewise take seriously St. Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 regarding recognizing the Lord's Body and Blood in this sacrament and receiving it worthily. We also believe that Holy Communion is a profession of confessional unity in which all who commune at the Lord's Table are united in their confession and faith (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Therefore, we practice what is often called "closed communion," in which we invite those Christians who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, who share in the same confession of faith as the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and who believe that Jesus offers here His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine, for the strengthening of their bodies and souls, cleansing them of their old nature and giving them new life, to join us at His table.

If you are new here, have not been baptized, or have not received instruction with regard to the teachings of the Lutheran Church regarding the Lord's Supper, have doubts about the nature of the sacrament, or have questions, please introduce yourself to our pastor before the service. He will be happy to discuss these things with you and help determine whether or not you should commune. If you do not wish to commune, have not been baptized, or have not been instructed in the Christian faith, we invite you to come receive a blessing. When you come to the altar, please come forward with your arms crossed to indicate that you would like the pastor to bless you. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith or wish to be baptized, please speak to our pastor!