



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ON THIS EASTER DAY  
APRIL 5, 2026**

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# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

APRIL 5, 2026

## INTRODUCTION

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.*

**PRELUDE**      “Christ Arose!”      Lowrey      **Jean Pontious & Dolores Gross**

*You may stand or remain seated*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

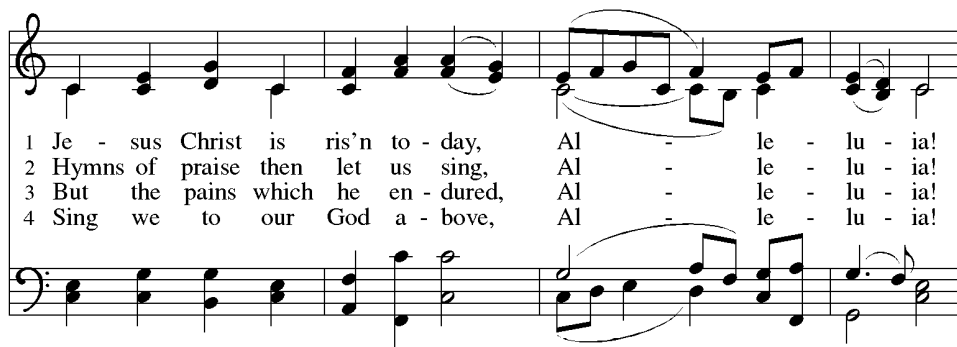
**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

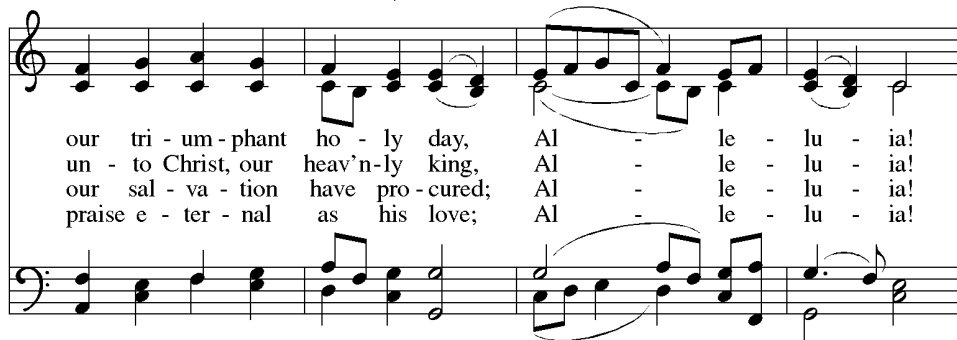
**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

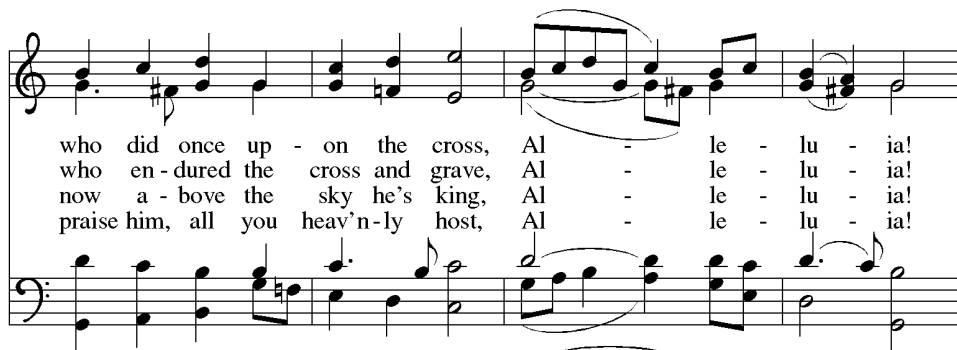
**C** **Amen.**



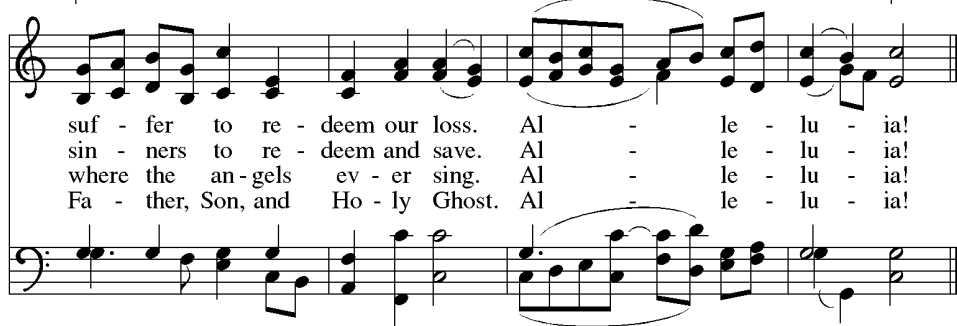
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

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

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



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich- es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon- or and bless- ing and glo- ry are his.



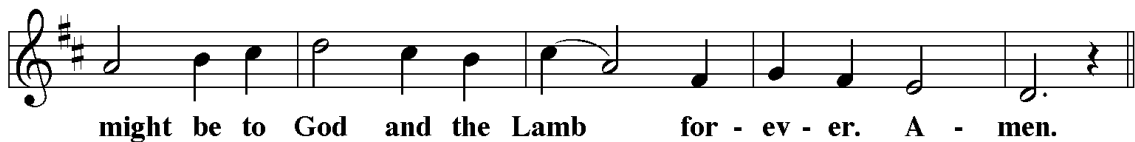
**This is the feast of vic- to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.**



**Sing with all the peo- ple of God and join in the**



**hymn of all cre- a- tion: Bless- ing and hon- or and glo- ry and**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

**C** **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

### WE HEAR THE WORD

*The pericopes readings for this day are: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10*

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 118**

**"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

Vss. 1 & 2

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*After the reading:*

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were

terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

## MESSAGE

**PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"EASTER ALLELUIA CANON"*

MOZART/LIEBERGEN

**Advent Choir**

**&**

**Leo Garcia, *brass***

*Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the "Online Donator" card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent's Ministries by using this QR code:*



*You may remain seated or stand.*

## OFFERTORY



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## NICENE CREED

**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 for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven;  
    by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and  
    was made man.

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

- A Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Guide and grant wisdom to our Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt and national Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know only by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (*pause*). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A 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.**


## GREAT THANKSGIVING




**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.




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



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, and our duty and our joy... And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Holy, living, and loving God,  
... Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C** Amen

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A** 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

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

***This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.***

*Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.*

*Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets  
provided on the first row of chairs.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,  
please let an usher know.***

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

C **Amen**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.**

## PRAYER FOR BREAKFAST – 8:30 am Only

### WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

## BENEDICTION

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of  
the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;

See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.

he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.



*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

**DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Annie Welch	ANDRENA SAMUEL
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PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN	

The beautiful flowers that adorn our sanctuary today were given  
to the Glory of God from

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## “White Paraments”

by Melissa Richeson-O’Neil, Artist

Think of open windows and the great gladness of an awakening earth! White paraments are used for the church’s high celebrations, Easter and Christmas. Easter is the Church’s most ancient and beautiful season, announcing resurrection and calling us to live as if God’s rule of justice and peace were fully with us. Christmas announces the glorious appearing of God on earth, the radiance of Christ’s birth bursting through the darkness of our lives. Both seasons call us to breathe deeply, live fully, and celebrate life.

While brainstorming the white paraments for Advent Lutheran, the Liturgy Committee concurred that we would limit the color scheme of the designs to whites and golds. Gold has long represented richness and splendor, while purity and completeness. The five pieces of Advent’s white altar parament may be hung in different arrangements and numbers. The entire payment was constructed to reveal the altar itself and the crosses on top.

The appliqued fabric designs depict ancient symbols from Church history. The palm leaf recalls the joyous celebration of Palm Sunday – throngs of people waving palms in delight as they witnessed Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palm curves just as an actual frond would bend while being waved.

The *Chi Rho*, which looks like the letters “P” and “X” superimposed on one another, is one of the earliest cruciform symbols. It is a combination of the first two letters of the word “Christ” in Greek- *chi* for “Ch” and *rho* for “r”.

Another panel depicts an abstracted sheaf of wheat, bordered on one side by deep blue stitching of flowing waters. Water brings to mind our births and baptisms; the wheat symbolizes Christ as the bread of life.

Water images also appear behind appliques of fish. The fish, or “*ichthys*”, is an acrostic of the first letters of the Greek words for “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior”. Two semi-circles, overlapped to form a fish shape, were a symbol often used among early Christians to identify one another during the times of Roman persecution.

The sun radiates from an upper corner on the final panel. We call Jesus “the Light of the World” and refer to the purity of God’s love. The sun’s rising marks each new day – especially those of resurrection and birth – and an Isaiah reading for Advent cries, “Oh, that you would tear open the heavens and come down!”

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Finally, each individual panel is quilted, binding together layers of silk and batting just as God's love binds our lives together as the children of God. The stitches are like the prayers of God's children, shared love filling lives with joy and compassion.

