

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior. Connected by grace, through faith, to our risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory of His resurrection and in full confidence of our own resurrection from the dead. As we view the glory of our Savior in God's Word, may we be led to a stronger faith and reliance on Him for our every need. May the Holy Spirit bless us richly in our worship on this Easter morning!

To Our Guests Seeking an Altar at Which to Commune: We believe that those who partake of the Lord's Supper together are giving expression to the bond of fellowship God has created among them in *all* that the Bible teaches. For this reason we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us, by membership here or at another CLC church, to come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith but an expression of ours. If you have the desire to commune with us in the future, please speak with the Pastor at your convenience. We'd love to have you!

Liturgical Note: The paraments up front have been changed to white, symbolizing the glory and holiness of the risen Christ and the splendor of His righteousness which God has credited to us through faith in our living Redeemer!



Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 457 – *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

Easter Acclamation

P: Christ is arisen!:

C: He is risen indeed.

P: This is the day the Lord has made:

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. In the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You:

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

P: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?:

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

P: The Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; He will lead us to springs of living water.

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness

P/C Lord God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our heavenly Father, we are gathered in Your house on this holy morning in repentance and in joy. We are conscious of our many sins against You, which You laid on Jesus when He suffered and died on the cross. We confess all our sins and plead for Your mercy.

P Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for the sheep and has

taken it up again. All our sins are forgiven. Because Jesus lives, we are saved. We have new life in Christ!

C Amen and hallelujah!

Hymn

LSB 477 – *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

Prayer of the Day

P: 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 to us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will and graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all sins, and after this life raise us to eternal life, through the same, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

First Lesson – Isaiah 12:1-6

And in that day you will say: “O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; “for YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.’ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day you will say: “Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”

Responsive Psalm Reading

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good:

C: For His steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let Israel say:

C: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

P: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling:

C: But the LORD helped me.

P: I thank You that You have answered me:

C: And have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected:

C: Has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the day that the LORD has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn

LSB 466 (1-2) – *"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: *"Death is swallowed up in victory."* *"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"* The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Faith

Martin Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn

LSB 466 (3-4)

Easter Message, based on Matthew 28:1-8

Jesus Our Redeemer Lives!

1. His enemies confirmed it!
2. His Father confirmed it!
3. He Himself confirmed it!
4. The Spirit confirms it in our hearts!

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Hymn

LSB 466 (5) – Please rise to sing this hymn

Easter Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: O God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, we thank and praise You for the mercy You have shown us through His glorious resurrection. Grant that on this day believers throughout the world may see the fullness of Your grace and peace. Give us a living hope to believe that the grave has no power over us and that we have been made heirs of eternal life.

C: **Strengthen all Your people that we may be faithful until death and receive from You the crown of life.**

P: Almighty God, as Your Son on this day rose from the dead for us, victorious over sin and the grave, grant that sin may no longer live in our hearts. By the

power of His resurrection set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

C: Grant that in Christ's resurrection we may conquer sin and find strength to resist the devil's temptations.

P: Send forth laborers into Your harvest, and open the door of faith to all the heathen. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant them repentance unto life. Bless and preserve the President and Congress of the United States and all who occupy positions of authority in our land so that freedom, justice, righteousness, and peace may prevail. Watch over the members of our armed forces as they protect our nation from harm and evil. Grant contentment to service personnel and their families during the time they are separated from each other.

C: Comfort those who mourn the loss of those they love and sustain the innocent who are caught in the carnage and cruelty of war.

P: In every adversity and trial preserve us, O Lord. Heal the sick, giving them the hope of a glorious body in the resurrection of the dead. With the promises of this Easter Day remove the fear of death from the hearts of the dying and the sadness of death from hearts that feel the loss of family and friends. Defend the weak and vulnerable, especially the unborn, the aged, those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed, and those struggling under the load of troubles and trials.

C: Bestow Your gracious favor on our homes and families and bless us with Easter's joy and consolation.

P: We give thanks for all those who have died and now live with Christ in the triumph of Easter, especially our own faithful departed loved ones.

C: Unite us with them on the great resurrection day to come.

P: Hear us, O Father, for the sake of Him who is the firstborn of the dead and is alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Preface (melody: *The Church's One Foundation*)

Pastor: The Lord is with His people; now may He be with you.

***Cong:* The Lord is with His servants; may He be with you, too.**

Pastor: Now lift Your hearts to praise Him.

***Cong:* To God we lift them high. Tis' right to thank and praise Him
Who to His world draws nigh.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Jesus, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

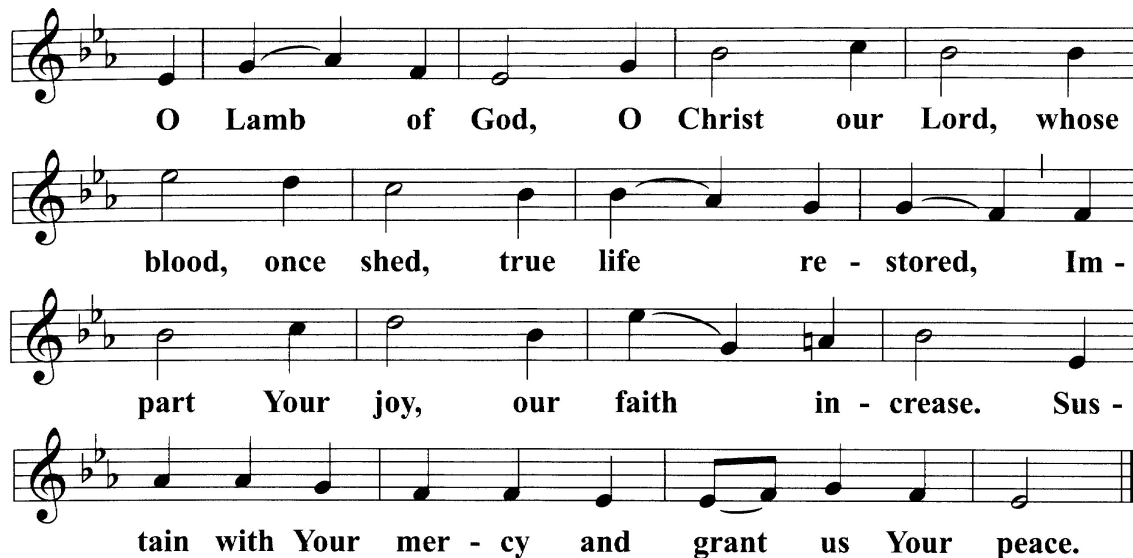
Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

The Benediction (*melody: The Church's One Foundation*)

Pastor: The good Lord bless and keep you, lift up His smiling face,
With favor look upon you and grant eternal peace.

Cong: **To Father, Son, and Spirit, most gracious One-in-Three,
The church sings ALLELUIA! Now and eternally! Amen.**



This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/5) 9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Sun (4/12) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting

Church Council Meeting: Sunday, April 19, 8:30 am

Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, April 26, 10:45 am

Extended Calendar

- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 25 (8 am to noon)
- West-Central Delegate Conference: Tues-Thurs, May 19-21, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne

Live-streaming of St. Paul Worship Services, which had been unavailable for a time, is now available again. To watch the live-stream of our service, or view past video services, login to our St. Paul Website at: denverlutheran.com, click on the tab "*Worship Services*," then click on the appropriate link. You may also view the Immanuel College Tour Choir Concert recently presented at our church by clicking on the appropriate link under "*Upcoming Events*."

CLC News & Notes

Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne.

Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN, has retired due to health concerns. His last service was March 29, 2026.

The Call Committee on Graduates is scheduled to meet on th ILC campus on Wednesday April 15 at 7:00 p.m. This year there is one teaching graduate and no seminary graduates. Lord-willing there will be one sem graduate next year.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 6-11

Mon Mark 16:1-8 The women's devotion to Jesus brought them to the empty tomb, where they learned the startling news: "He has risen!" (v6) Thus they became messengers of the good news to His disciples.

Tues 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 As the Passover meant a new lease on life for God's people, so the resurrection means new life. Let us, therefore, leave behind the old wicked ways and celebrate with sincerity and truth.

Wed Isaiah 52:13-15 As we ponder the wondrous Easter news, we remember how the prophet Isaiah proclaimed well in advance the exaltation of the Lord's Servant, after His deep humiliation.

Thurs Psalm 111 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for His glorious and majestic work (v3) on our behalf! He sent redemption for His people (v9), as we learn from His awesome Word!

Fri Psalm 113 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The name of the Lord is to be praised always and everywhere. It is higher than the earth and the heavens. He bends down to see and lift up the poor and needy. Hallelujah!

Sat Psalm 114 Israel's deliverance from Egypt reminds us of our deliverance from death and hell. On the way to the promised land, the waters could not stop them and Sinai trembled. We, too, are led safely home!

Christian Questions for Those About to Receive the Lord's Supper

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner? *Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.*
2. How do you know this? *From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.*
3. Are you sorry for your sins? *Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.*
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins? *I deserve His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.*
5. Do you hope to be saved? *Yes, that is my hope.*
6. In whom, then, do you trust? *I trust in my dear Lord Jesus Christ.*
7. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? *He kept the Ten Commandments for me. Then He died and shed His blood for me on the cross to make atonement for my sins.*
8. How do you know this? *I know this from the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
9. What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.*
10. Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament? *Yes, I believe it.*
11. What moves you to believe this? *I am moved to believe this by the words of Christ, "Take and eat. This is My body . . . Drink from it, all of you. This is My blood."*
12. What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking? *That is shown us by these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*

Prayer For Our Communicants

Lord Jesus, who calls to You all who labor and are heavy laden, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls, we pray: let these guests experience Your love at the heavenly feast which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Keep them from impenitence and unbelief, so that no one may partake of this holy Sacrament to his spiritual harm. Take off from them the spotted garment of the flesh and of their own righteousness and adorn them with the garment of righteousness which You purchased with Your blood. Strengthen their faith, increase their love and hope, and after this life grant them a place at Your heavenly table, where they shall eat of the eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forevermore. Hear us for Your own sake. Amen.

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