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Sunday, April 5, 2026
Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter

Prelude**Announcements**

Congregation please stand

OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples,
To celebrate the good news:
Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

P: Beloved church,
Behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P: Sin and death shall reign no more.

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

P: Let this place resound with joy.

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God!

PREPARING

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God has opened to us the gates of righteousness
that we may enter through them.

Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

C **Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised from the waters of baptism
to share in your glorious resurrection.
Yet we have not lived as Easter people.
We are unsure of your promise,
confused about your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.
Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,
but do not recognize your presence.
Call us by name, risen Lord,
that we may know you with confidence.
Whenever we are tempted to fear death,
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.
Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,
Keep our minds on your reconciling love.
Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal again to us your triumph
over the destructive powers of oppression.
Forgive our sin
and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation,
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

P God who raised Jesus from the dead
has not given us over to death.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

Gathering Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708. alt.: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 1-6

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.”

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



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- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
 God's mercy en- | dures forever.
- ²**Let Israel | now declare,**
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
 and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
 The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
 but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.
- ²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
 here the righ- | teous may enter."
- ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
 has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³**By the LORD has | this been done;**
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Second Reading**Acts 10: 34-43**

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

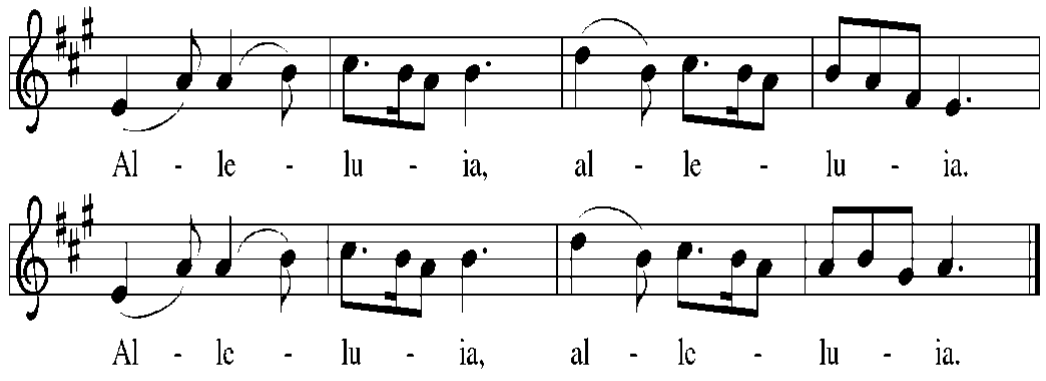
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Verse: Now he is living, the Christ,
Out of the tomb he is risen;
He has conquered death,
Opened heaven to all believers.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28: 1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jennifer

Congregation please stand

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Nicene Creed

**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,
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.**

Sign of Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.....God of Resurrection
hear our prayer.

We pray for pastors, teachers and ministers that they be wise in leadership, humble in service and fearless in the face of evil.....God of Resurrection
hear our prayer.

We pray for our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance.....God of Resurrection
hear our prayer.

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 lift up Shirley, Allan, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Ron, Chuck, Jessie, Helen, Carol, Millie, Lillian, Marian, Peggy, Glenn, Sandy, and Lisa.....God of Resurrection
hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality; for our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony; and for our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus.....God of Resurrection
hear our prayer.

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.....God of Resurrection
hear our prayer.

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.

Amen.

Stewardship Snippet

Matthew 28:6 “He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said.”

We are Easter People! The joy of Easter is celebrated not only during the Liturgical season we call Easter. It is celebrated every day of the year. Every time we come to the table and participate in Holy Communion, we participate in the sacrifice, death and resurrection our Lord Jesus.

We are transformed and renewed. As stewards of the abundant gifts we're given, each day is a new opportunity to live in the light of Christ.

Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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



bless-ing. 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.

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MEAL

P Let us pray,

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy,
 and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
 and the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
 Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Amen.

Please be seated

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Lamb of God

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.

Holy Communion

Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 366, 379, 385

Congregation please stand

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

C Amen.



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
 till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
 till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Post Communion Prayer

P Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Charge

P Go from here renewed and strong,
knowing that Lord is alive, almighty, and present.
Look for the blessings that await you this week.
Weep with those who weep,
Rejoice with those who celebrate.
Tell the story of hope.

Blessing

P Now may the truth of the empty tomb,
the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection,
keep you fearless and sure,
that you will see the Resurrected One
again and again in this life.
May the power of God's endless love
Surround you and guide you,
this day and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end-less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov-ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

P We at Christ Lutheran Church are
C God's called, Loved Children who serve.
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prayer Concerns

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The Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

By Bill & Cindy Brookhart

In Loving Memory of their Parents.

The Easter lilies are presented to the Glory of God by:

Pam & Hatch Dobbs

In Memory of Pam's Parents Thomas & Ruth Reeder.

In Memory of Hatch's Parents Dale & Gertie Dobbs.

In Memory of their Niece Lesley Dobbs Ramos.

Kim Merlino

In Memory of her Husband Jim Merlino.

Glenn & Carol Shumaker

In Memory of Ann & Homer Smith.

In Memory of Verna & James Shumaker.

In Memory of Family Members.

Velma Wittlinger

In Memory of her Husband Pastor Robert Wittlinger.

In Memory of her Granddaughter Stephanie Bailey.

Clyde & Jean Tota

In Memory of their Son Clyde, Jr.

In Memory of Family Members.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Pam Dobbs
Next Sunday – Ann Fleisher

Wine – Cindy Brookhart
Next Sunday- Jean Tota

Grape Juice – Beverly Reifsnyder
Next Sunday – Becky Yohe

Altar Guild – Ann Fleisher 7am service
Beverly Reifsnyder 8:30am service
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Counters – Bill Brookhart, Sue Landis
Next Sunday – Becky Meisel, Charlene Lentvorsky

Ushers – Team 1
Bill Brookhart, Joe Kistler,
Terry Kuhn, Becky Yohe

SUNDAY, April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter
Easter Sunrise Service – 7:00am
Worship service – 8:30am – Holy Communion
No evening Bible Study

MONDAY, April 6th, 2026

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Planning meeting
6pm – Zoom
Finance meeting – 7pm – Zoom

TUESDAY, April 7th, 2026

Bible Study – 1:00pm – Zoom

WEDNESDAY, April 8th, 2026

THURSDAY, April 9th, 2026

LWR Quilters – 1:00pm
Church Council meeting – 6:30pm

FRIDAY, April 10th, 2026

SATURDAY, April 11th, 2026

SUNDAY, April 12th, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter
Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion
Bible Study – 7:00pm – Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appalachian Trail Hiker Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner – A planning meeting will be held on Monday, April 6th at 6pm on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

April Fundraiser – Shermansdale Twin Kiss – April 21st. More info to come.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is April 26th. Please send your articles to Charlene Lentvorsky at cmsky620@gmail.com.

April Meeting/Events

- April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service – 7am.
Traditional Worship – **8:30am.**
- April 6 – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser planning meeting – 6pm.
Finance committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom
- April 9 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.
- April 21 – Twin Kiss (Shermansdale) Fundraiser
- April 25 – Earth Day at Clark’s Ferry Tavern
- April 28 – Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom
- April 29 – CLC Book Club discussion – 7pm - Zoom

May Meetings/Events

- May 9 – AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- May 11 – Finance committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom
- May 13 – AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinners begin. 5-7pm
- May 14 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm
- May 26 – Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm - Zoom

GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 5, 2026

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

Strongly Sung Alleluias

In Matthew's telling of the Easter story, Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" are the first to experience the resurrection of Jesus (28:1). Earthquake, descending angel, and convulsing grave-guards all attest to this miraculous feat of God's love defeating death forever. The angelic invitation to the women to behold the bodiless resting place of Jesus is met with evangelistic fervor; the women race off full of "fear and great joy" (v. 8) to tell the others. Their run from the empty tomb, however, is interrupted by the risen Christ. A simple word of greeting from Jesus sends the women to the ground; they "took hold of his feet, and worshiped him" (v. 9).

What did this first Easter-morning worship look like? Did the women recite traditional Jewish prayers? Were they moved to sing? Might this worshipful moment be the time and place the first Easter "alleluia" was uttered? Perhaps they harkened back to Psalm 118 and sang to Jesus, "The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation" (v. 14). At the feet of Jesus, the women found strength as they bore witness to God's liberation and the power of resurrection. This was the Jesus they would share with the other disciples and, by extension, the world. This is the Jesus they would sing out to others in Galilee and beyond. A new day had dawned; Easter had arrived. Alleluia!

The church gathers on this Easter Day to join in the proclamation of Christ crucified and risen. We gather to share in the wonder and joy of Mary and Mary, whose worshipful witness has become our own. We join in the prayers, the confession, the Easter fervor that knows the salvation of our God, our strength and our song. A new day, an Easter Day has come. "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Indeed, let us rejoice, worship, and sing out strong: Alleluia! Alleluia!

