



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen! During the Easter Season, we celebrate resurrection—the resurrection of Jesus as well as our own. We are God's new creation, filled with the undying life of our Savior. As the Spirit fills the Church on Pentecost, this life invigorates God's people for mission and ministry. *This is Part 5 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 465 *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8-9*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Exodus 15:2*

G The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

ANTHEM “*Alleluia, Praise the Risen King*” by Lloyd Larson (*Joyful Sounds Choir*)



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 15:1–11, 13, 18*

After miraculously crossing the Red Sea on dry ground, Moses and the people of Israel praise God for His salvation from the Egyptian army.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. ⁴“Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? ...

¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. ...

¹⁸“The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1-4*

Easter means new life for us just as it meant new life for Jesus Christ.

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on

earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68; for text and tune, see page 156.*

G (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

Sorrow gives way to fear which gives way to joy when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim good news: Jesus is risen!

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen,

as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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.

SERMON HYMN 487 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

SERMON *Called to Live: “Alive with Christ”*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed

C 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, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering (8:00 am):

VOLUNTARY “This Joyful Eastertide” arr. Linda R. Lamb (Handbells)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The service continues with the Preface on page 160 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 461 *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

HYMN 633 *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (You may remain seated for v. 8.)*

HYMN 478 *“The Day of Resurrection” (You may remain seated for v. 4)*

HYMN 469 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God’s witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Post-Communion Canticle (“Thank the Lord”), Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 164–166.

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN 457 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: Easter is exodus. It is the exodus from all the things that threaten and harm you—even and especially death!—and the guarantee of perfect life with God that has no end. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Hannah Bingham, Anthony Brandt, Michael Heins, Madie Kuecker,

Claira Martens, Gina Martens, Rachel Martens, Jameson Oetting,

Mark Oetting, Elijah Rankin, Kaleb Virus, *Brass Ensemble*

Evan Rankin, *Crucifer (8:00 am)*

Trent Beerman, *Crucifer (10:30 am)*

Lily Petty, Eden Beissenherz, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Kiefer Lange, Tytus Lark, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Eddie & Linda Kammeyer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Tim & Karen Bauer, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

Tim Bauer, Mark Heins, Russ Kruse, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Gilbert Roepe, Donald Dedeke, Rev. Harold Block, Ken Wodrich, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Richard Cordes, Addison Wehrle, Alan Luebbert, Diane Stumpfenhaus, Lisa Arnett, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

Ongoing: Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Bridget Kageman, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Joe Connell, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Nation and World: the people of the Sudan

Partners in Mission: Christ Lutheran Church; Gordonville, MO and Rev. Jacob May; Heit's Point

Birthdays: (4/5) Cody Kangkraehr, Diane Schlesselman, Noah Shier; (4/6) McKenna Beydler; (4/7) Jade Brandt, James Evert, Sherman Oswald, Gene Rittman; (4/8) Emily Kreite, Otto Oetting, Jared Sheets; (4/9) Bradley Brackman, Collins Hunter; (4/10) Tim Flandermeyer, Justin Jones, Carista Kuecker, Layla Oetting, Nathan Oetting, Madison Pitsch; (4/11) Gerry Stauch

Anniversaries: (4/5) Steve & Carol Bishop; (4/7) Kyle & Julie Fiene, Myron & Angela Steffens; (4/8) Jim & Rhonda Beerman; (4/9) Brian & Elizabeth Frerking, Gerry & Mischeal Stauch; (4/10) Kent & Alyssa Petty

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

From Lent to Easter; from crucifixion to resurrection. There are many emotions going on inside of me during this season of the church year. It is the powerful account of a gift of transforming love; a reminder of what Jesus did for me. His sacrifice through suffering leads to elation in celebration of everlasting life. This is ultimately a story of grace. My Father shows me the great love that He has for me by sending His Son to die in my place so that I might live eternally with Him. Unimaginable and undeserved love for a sinful human being like me, claiming me as His own dear child through the death of His Son. Amazing grace. My response? Humble thankfulness and praise. Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Acts 5:29–42; 1 Peter 1:3–9; Matthew 15:29–39

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 482, 545, 620, 625, 642, 849



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