



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 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

OPENING HYMN 482 *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

BAPTISM OF ZOE TAYLOR CLOUSE (10:30 am)

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.

EASTER GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

- P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
- C** make known his deeds among the peoples!
- P** Sing to him, sing praises to him;
- C** tell of all his wondrous works!
- P** Glory in his holy name;
- C** let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- P** Seek the LORD and his strength;
- C** seek his presence continually!
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
- C** his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
- P** He remembers his covenant forever,
- C** the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- 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.
- P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
- C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9; for text and tune, see page 155.

Refrain: (sing) **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.** *Refrain*

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia.** *Refrain*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Exodus 15:2*

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



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

FIRST READING *Acts 5:29–42*

The apostles are brought before the religious council and are told to stop teaching about Jesus. In a defiant response, the apostle Peter says the "must obey God rather than men."

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.

³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel,

take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing

God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them to not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:3–9*

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have a living hope for a heavenly inheritance that no earthly trial or trouble can take from us.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been

counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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

- C** (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 15:29–39*

Jesus heals many, and He feeds a crowd of more than four thousand people.

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



- C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁹Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went

up on the mountain and sat down there. ³⁰And great crowds came to him, bringing

with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,³¹so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

³²Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”

³³And the disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in such a

desolate place to feed so great a crowd?”
³⁴And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”³⁵And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground,³⁶he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.³⁷And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.³⁸Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.³⁹And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN 545

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

SERMON

Called to Live: “Living with God’s Gifts”

Ministry Expansion Campaign
Focus: **“Together in Faith.”**
We are united in our trust in God’s provision (physical and spiritual), our common faith in God’s generous goodness that supplies our needs for today and, in Christ, delivers us the gift of eternal life.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (8:00 am)

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 (10:30 am):

ANTHEM “Do You Know Who Died for Me?” by Jim Kennedy
(SPLS Pre-School – Kindergarten Students)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, Easter Greeting, and Closing Hymn 849, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness.”



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

The 10:30 am 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 620** “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”
- HYMN 625** “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”
- HYMN 642** “O Living Bread from Heaven”



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!

CLOSING HYMN 849 *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

This week's takeaway: Last Sunday we rejoiced in resurrection bliss and glory! This week...we jump back thirteen chapters to the middle of Matthew's Gospel? Yes! In Matthew 15, we see Jesus healing and feeding--showing His confused disciples what His Kingdom Reign is all about! Now that Christ has risen, He continues to heal and sustain us until the fulfillment of all things on the Last Day.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Sara Larsen, *Early Childhood Lead Teacher*

Cooper Steinkuhler, Gracie Brackman, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Konner McKnight, Cody Hass, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Tim & Robin Kerksick, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Ann Wolters, *Greeter (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: Rollie Beerman, Donald Dedeke, Ken Wodrich, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Richard Cordes, Addison Wehrle, Alan Luebbert, Diane Stumpenhous, 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 Griffith, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Nation and World: the people of Suriname

Partners in Mission: The Exchange Communities Lutheran Church; Jackson, MO and Rev. Cory Stallings; Heit's Point

Birthdays: (4/12) Denise Aversman; (4/13) Brandon Hoppmann, Myron Steffens; (4/14) Scott Boarchardt, Samuel Roepe; (4/15) Nolan Maggert; (4/16) Viktor Finley, Scott Myers, Elora Watts, Valerie Wiskur; (4/17) Mark Brandt, Jr, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Bailey Ivie, Johnny Self; (4/18) Anthony Brandt, Titus Poppe

Anniversaries: (4/12) Kory & Kerby McKnight; (4/15) Curtis & Karol Meyer; (4/16) Douglas & Beverly Frerking; (4/18) Richard & Jennifer Clayton

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Acts 2:14a, 36–41; 1 Peter 1:17–25; Matthew 16:1–12

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 468, 462, 548, 466, 697, 464



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