

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 20, 2025**



**He is**  
**Risen**



**ST. PETER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
← CONOVER, NC →

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Easter Sunday

#### ***Christ's Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised***

*"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"* (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1-8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *"After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God"* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:54-55, 57).

**Welcome to St. Peter's!** We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the "Welcome Guest" card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a "welcome" bag from our table out front. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

### **Holy Communion Today - 9:30 AM & 4:30 PM Services**

Since our church feels a Biblically founded stewardship regarding the Lord's Supper, we ask that you prayerfully consider these truths. Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Lord's Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper.

- I know that I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and from my heart I repent (turn from) all my sins against God and other people, intending to change and correct my sinful life.
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin through His death and resurrection for me.
- I believe that the Risen Christ is present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine (fruit of the vine), I receive His true Body and Blood. I believe that these gifts are "given and shed for me for the forgiveness of my sins." - Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric and the Board of Elders

**Need Prayer?** Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left after the Sunrise Service or during communion during the 9:30 am festival service. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in honor of our risen Savior and Harper Wrenn Bowman's 3rd birthday by Eunice Reiter.

**Children's Bulletins and Devotional Books** are available in the narthex and by both side entrance doors.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**No Sunday School Classes today.** They will resume next week at the regular time of 9:30 am.

## PRAYERS

**Church Members in Need of prayer** Terry Bolick, Johnny Bryant, Sherry Bumgarner, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Eckard Brenda Griffin, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, Catherine Huffman, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Mike Pritchard, Alan Pruitt, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, Janet van Horne, and Marshall Wray.

### Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Glenn Shell, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Mary Ann Winebarger

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

### Friends Needing Prayer

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Jerry Bolick (husband of Doris Bolick)
- Linda Tilley (family of Selena Gurganious)
- Greg Mundy (friend of Annissa Beck & Dana Deal)

- Pam McNeal (family of Annissa Beck)
- Jaycee Lynne (friend of Bob & Gaye Marlowe)

(\*names are listed for 4 weeks and can be renewed by calling the office\*)

### **Expectant Mothers**

- Sydney Schenk - due May 12 (step-daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Ashlyn Martin - due Sept. 13 (daughter-in-law of Mike & Angie Martin)
- Katelynn Ruff - due Oct. 27 (granddaughter of Nelson & Selena Gurganious)

### **Christian Sympathy**

- The family of Darvin Bruce (uncle of Nancy Bruce)
- The family of Dusty Ferrell (friend of Brenda & Ron Hefner)

**Birthdays This Week** David Sigmon (4/20); Rev. Peter Frank (4/20); Chris Barnes (4/22); Shirley Dellinger (4/22); Sandra Gantt (4/22); Glenn Shell (4/26).

**Anniversaries This Week** Terry & Shannon Little (4.20); Michael & Mall Killian (4/25); Clayton & Debbie Milstead (4/26).

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **200th Anniversary Memorabilia Needed** If you have any photos or St. Peter's memorabilia you could share with the 200th Anniversary Team, they would greatly appreciate it. Please see Staci Bumgarner, Dwight Reese or Harry Fulbright for more information.
- **Our Kid's Kamp theme is "Making a Difference"** It is our goal to introduce kids to organizations that help the less fortunate and teach them how they can contribute to the needs of others. We need your help in collecting items that the kids will donate to various charities. We are collecting the following items: canned goods, old eye glasses, new kids' jackets and coats, gently used toys and books. We will have baskets located in the hallway outside the church offices, the Spirit Center and the Parish Hall. We will collect items through June 22.

- **Evangelism Team Meeting** Join us for the first meeting of our newly revitalized Evangelism Team! Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus and the hope of the Resurrection while serving neighbors in love within our community. The meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 pm** in the multi-purpose room. If you feel called to share God's love with others in our area, we'd love to have you join us! For questions, please contact Marla Early.
- **Child protection training and background checks** are required on all volunteers that will be helping with either Kids Kamp or Vacation Bible School. If you have not done either of these and plan to help this summer, please contact Nancy in the church office for the necessary paperwork.
- **On Line Giving** Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website [www.stpetersconover.org](http://www.stpetersconover.org) and click on "online giving". You can give through bank draft, debit or credit card. You can do a one time offering or set up for weekly, monthly etc.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet on **Sunday, April 27 at 12:45 pm** for an outing to the Catawba Science Center. We will have a fun afternoon learning about bugs, turtles, fish and more! We will have dinner after leaving the Science Center.
- **The Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)** will meet **Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 pm** in the youth room. Join us for devotions, snacks and some fun! Bring a friend too!

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- ***Given to the Senior Youth Fund*** in loving memory of Johnny Lytton by Craig & Donna Lackey; by Judy Little
- ***Given to the Helping Hands Fund*** in loving memory of Johnny Lytton by Larry & Debbie Adams
- ***Given to the General Fund*** in loving memory of Catherine Fox by Greg & Susan Johnson

## SUNSHINE GROUP OUTINGS

- **Sunshine Group Upcoming Outings** - please contact Betty Goble with any questions

Date of Outing	Outing	Notes
Mon. April 21	Carolina Theatre to see "King of Kings"	Meet for dinner at Chicken Salad Chick at 5:30 pm then
Sunday, April 27	4th Sunday Lunch Bunch at Boxcar Grill in Claremont	RSVP by Weds. April 23
Fri. May 9	Green Room Theatre to see "Escape to Margaritaville -	Meet at 4:45 pm at the church to carpool



### **Last Week - April 13, 2025**

#### Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 218    10:45 am 73

#### Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance

Adults 58    Youth 23

#### Offerings

General Fund - \$8,550 ; Sunday School - \$86.25

***In order to meet the budget for 2025 that was approved by the congregation,  
our weekly General Fund offerings must average \$11,184.22***

#### Dedicated Fund Offerings

Domestic Missions - \$40; Senior Youth Gathering - \$20; Evangelism - \$207; Building Fund -\$582;  
Cemetery Fund - \$20

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (20)      ***Easter Sunday***  
6:30 am Sunrise Service - *in church cemetery*  
Easter breakfast between services  
9:30 am Festival Worship Service  
4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Easter Service
- Mon. (21)      **Church office closed**  
5:30 pm Sunshine Group Outing - dinner at Chicken Salad Chick and  
movie at Carolina Theater “King of Kings”
- Tues. (22)      **Church office closed**
- Wed. (23)      6:30 pm Basketball League  
7:00 pm Elders
- Thurs. (24)      6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - *with Tonya Darden & Christal Sigmon in  
multi-purpose room*
- Sat. (26)      **9:00 am 200th Anniversary Event - Litter Sweep/Adopt-A-Road**
- Sun. (27)      8:15 am Contemporary Service  
**9:30 am Voters Meeting**  
9:30 am Sunday School & Confirmation Class (YOUTH ONLY)  
10:45 am Traditional Service  
**12:30 pm 4th Sunday Lunch Bunch - at Boxcar Grill in Claremont**  
**12:45 pm Kids in Christ (Grades 6-12) Outing to Science Center**  
**4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group - in multi-purpose room**  
**2:00 pm Evangelism Team**

**\*Bold = activities that don't happen on a typical week**

# SERMON NOTES

## "You Will See Him, Just as He Told You"

Mark 16:1-8

1. What had Mary Magdalene witnessed over the past week that might have changed her expectations about Jesus? What do you think she expected to find at the tomb?
2. How does the Resurrection change how you look at the past? The present? The future?

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**Today's Servants**

**Altar Guild:** Christal Sigmon, Steve Sigmon

**Communion Set-Up**

**Praise Band:** (8:15 am service) Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Tom Delgreco,

Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Emma Spencer, Kim Rector, Olivia Owens,

Brian Morrow, Chris Powell, Melody Frank, Emily Sherbino

**Organist:** (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal

**Office:** Bob Marlowe

**Readers:** 6:30 am Pastor Frank & Pastor Eric 9:30 am Pastor Frank & Pastor Eric

**Prayer Room:** 6:30 am Mike Pritchard 9:30 am John Thomas

**Greeters:** 9:30 am Eunice Reiter & Donna Sipe

**Ushers:** 8:15 am Open

10:45 am Stanley Dellinger, Eddie Little, Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**OLD-FASHIONED DAY**

& Potluck Picnic on the Grounds  
(following the 10:45 service)

Musical Guest: Willow Creek

PRIZES FOR BEST PERIOD  
CLOTHING CATEGORIES:  
MAN / WOMAN  
YOUTH  
COUPLE / FAMILY



BRING YOUR PRIZE-WINNING  
FARE & ENTER THE:  
PIE JUDGING CONTEST  
CAKE JUDGING CONTEST  
JAM/JELLY CONTEST



MAY  
4  
SUNDAY



Get your old-fashioned clothes together (from any era in the last 200 years) and enter the Best Period Clothing Contest at Old-Fashioned Day on May 4th! Make and bring your family's traditional recipes to share at our potluck Picnic on the Grounds following the 2nd service. Do you have an award-winning pie, cake or jam/jelly recipe? Enter your dish in the appropriate contest for our distinguished judges to sample! Our special musical guests will be the blue-grass gospel group Willow Creek! It's going to be a fun day for all ages!

\*\* If you have a pop-up canopy that we can use to provide shade at our picnic, please contact Staci Bumgarner at 828-310-7777.

**Help Keep Our  
Community Clean!**



**Join us to  
pick up  
trash on  
St. Peter's  
Church Road  
Saturday,  
April 26th  
@ 9:00 am**

**Safety vests, gloves & bags  
will be provided!**



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## **EASTER SUNRISE**

April 20, 2025—6:30 AM

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*



**ST. PETER'S**

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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
APRIL 20, 2025 - 6:30 AM**

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this holy morning, as the sun rises over a world once wrapped in darkness, we gather beneath the open heavens to proclaim the most glorious truth ever told:

**C** **The grave is empty! Death is defeated! Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!**

**P** Just as the angel declared to the women at the tomb: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!"

**C** **We come now, like Mary Magdalene, like Peter and John, like the faithful who ran to the tomb with hearts pounding, to hear again the earth-shaking, life-giving, sin-destroying news:**

**P** That Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, who was crucified for our sins, is now risen, never to die again!

**C** **The stone is rolled away. The tomb cannot hold Him. The powers of sin, death, and hell lie broken at His feet. He is the Firstborn from the dead, the Lamb who was slain, now living and reigning forever!**

**P** This is the day the Lord has made; "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

**C** **The light of Christ has dawned upon the earth. The darkness has not overcome it. Let every heart awaken! Let every voice be lifted high!**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** O Church of God, arise and shine! Lift your eyes to the risen Son of Righteousness, who brings healing in His wings, joy in our hearts, and hope to the world!

**C** **On this Resurrection morn, we do not gather in mourning, but in celebration. We do not whisper in sorrow, but shout for joy.**

**P** The Cross has done its work. The tomb has lost its sting.

**C** **Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

**P** Christ is risen, and in Him, we too shall rise!

**C** **Let the trumpet sound in Zion, let the heavens ring with praise, let earth and all creation join in glad refrain:**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

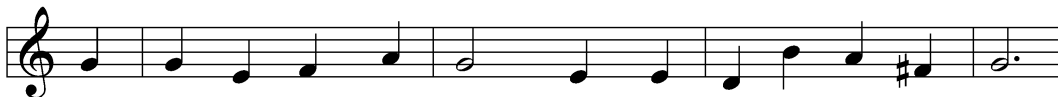
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## HYMN

LSB 478 The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79; Text and tune: Public domain

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Based on Psalm 16)

**P** Beloved in the Lord, we have gathered in the light of the risen Christ, who has conquered the grave and opened the way of life. Yet we know that we have not always walked the path He has made known to us. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God our Father, trusting in His mercy, and rejoicing in His steadfast love.

(Brief silence for self-reflection and confession)

**C** Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You." Yet I have not lived as if You were my greatest good. I have set my heart on earthly treasures, and my eyes have wandered from Your path. I have chosen sorrow over trust, fear over faith, and pride over obedience. Forgive me, Lord. You are my chosen portion and my cup. You make known to me the path of life. Lead me now in Your mercy, and restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Through Jesus Christ, my risen Lord. Amen.

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the promise of the Resurrection: "You will not abandon My soul to Sheol or let Your Holy One see corruption." (Psalm 16:10) Because Jesus lives, your sins are forgiven. Because Christ rose from the dead, your guilt is buried forever. 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.

**P** The Lord is your portion and your cup. He holds your lot secure. "In His presence there is fullness of joy; at His right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:5,11) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## ISAIAH 25:6–9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## JOHN 20:1-18

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going

toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

**L** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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





# HYMN

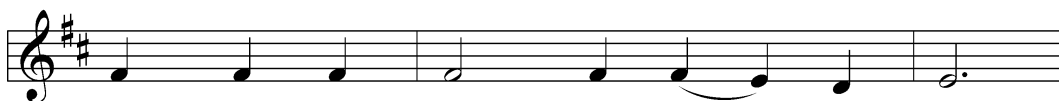
LSB 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
 From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
 That we may live and sing to Thee.  
 Alleluia! Refrain

## RESURRECTION MESSAGE

### OFFERING

### OFFERING MUSIC

*"He Is Risen, Alleluia!"  
Edward Hughes and Robert Lowry, arr.*

### RESURRECTION PRAYER

**P** Gracious and Loving God, who through the Holy Spirit creates in us faith, we give you thanks for the glorious resurrection of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave his life on the cross, was laid in the tomb, and rose from the dead so that our salvation is secure and our faith is firm. Through the conquering of the grave, we give thanks Jesus....

**C** **That we are Your Easter people.**

**P** Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth. Through the conquering of the grave, we give you thanks Jesus....

**C** **That we are Your Easter people.**

**P** Be the bedrock of your church wherever your Word is preached and your Sacraments are given to the faithful as gifts from your hand. Use this church to be a foundation of renewal in this community so that many will know of your eternal love and your overwhelming forgiveness. Through the conquering of the grave, we give you thanks Jesus....

**C** **That we are Your Easter people.**

**P** Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed. Through the conquering of the grave, we give you thanks Jesus....

**C** **That we are Your Easter people.**

**P** As the great physician and healer of all, we pray for those who are facing storms in their life due to illness or disease. Be their source of healing and hope. Deliver them according to Your merciful will and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. Through the conquering of the grave, we give you thanks Jesus....

**C** **That we are Your Easter people.**

**P** Guide and strengthen us as we look forward to the resurrection of the dead when we will rejoin all those who have gone before us in the faith. We especially ask that our faith would be firm, as was theirs, so that we would be lasting witnesses of your resurrection story. Through the conquering of the grave, we give you thanks Jesus....

**C** **That we are Your Easter people.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is risen....and gives us new life!

**C** **AMEN!**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **EASTER BLESSING**

**P** And now, may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all this is pleasing to him. To him be glory forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# HYMN

LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

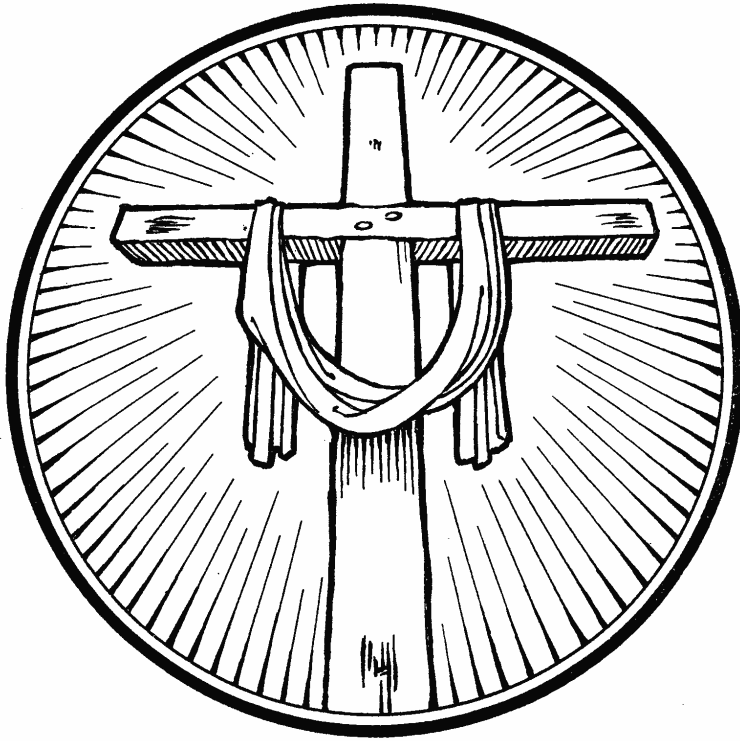
5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE  
APRIL 20, 2025 - 9:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*Carolyn Paschal, organ; Peter Rothenberger & Sawyer Frank, trumpet*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

*LSB 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*Peter Rothenberger & Sawyer Frank, trumpet*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## INVOCATION

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**C** **He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever;**

**P** the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

**C** **and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,**

**P** For the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day,

**C** **"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.**

**P** This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

**C** **let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## HYMN

*LSB 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** On this day, God the Father raised His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from death. He thereby showed His acceptance of our Savior's sacrifice for our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."  
(Romans 6:23) He takes the burden of our sins from us and offers us a clean slate, abolishing our sin and its guilt. Let us therefore freely confess our sins in the assurance that they will not come between us and our gracious God.

**P** Most gracious heavenly Father,

**C** **We come to You burdened by the sins for which Your Son died. We are ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. In all humility, we ask for Your mercy. You have raised our Lord Jesus from death and promised us eternal life because of the faith Your Holy Spirit has worked in our hearts. For the sake of Your Son's innocent suffering and death and His glorious resurrection, forgive us, renew us and lead us to everlasting life.**



**P** As you have confessed your sins, God in His mercy has forgiven your sins and remove all unrighteousness from you. By the cleansing blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven, you are healed and restored, and by your faith in Him as your Lord and Savior you have the gift of life eternal. Live now in newness of life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **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 that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

*"I Am Redeemed"  
Sung by Adult Choir*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Job 19:23–27*

“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

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 imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## OPENING PRAISE SONG

*"Happy Day"*

*Verse 1*           The greatest day in history, death is beaten, You have rescued me  
Sing it out, Jesus is alive  
The empty cross, the empty grave, life eternal, You have won the day  
Shout it out, Jesus is alive, He's alive

*Chorus*           And oh happy day happy day, You washed my sin away  
Oh happy day happy day, I'll never be the same  
Forever I am changed,

*Verse 2*           When I stand in that place, free at last meeting face to face  
I am Yours Jesus, You are mine  
Endless joy, perfect peace, earthly pain finally will cease  
Celebrate Jesus is alive, He's alive

*Chorus*

*Bridge*           Oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious way that You have saved me  
And oh what a glorious day  
What a glorious name

*Chorus (x2)*

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

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

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAISE SONG

*Because He Lives (Amen)*

*Verse 1*            I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

*Chorus*            Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends

*Tag*                Because He lives

*Verse 2*            I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

*Chorus*

*Bridge*            Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand

*Chorus (x2)*

*Ending (x2)*        Because He lives

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## **SERMON**

*"You Will See Him, Just as He Told You"*

*Mark 16:1-8*

*(Outline on back of bulletin)*

## **NICENE CREED**

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

- 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.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

*"Christ Is Risen" Sung by Praise Team*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Done in a continuous manner)*

### THE DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### CLOSING SONG

*"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"*

Verse 1            One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
(Praise Team)   One day when sin was as black as could be  
                      Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
                      Dwelt among men my example is He  
                      The Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
                      His glory revealed

Chorus (All)      Living He loved me dying He saved me  
                      Buried He carried my sins far away  
                      Rising He justified freely forever  
                      One day He's coming  
                      O glorious day (glorious day)

Verse 2            One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain  
(Praise Team)   One day they nailed Him to die on a tree

*& Choir)*      Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

*Chorus (All)*

*Verse 3*      One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
*(All)*      One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

*Chorus (All)*

*Bridge (All)*      One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing  
My Savior Jesus is mine

*Chorus (All)*

*Ending*      O glorious day glorious day  
O glorious day

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