

Prelude “This Joyful Eastertide” J. Behnke

Easter Greeting *(please join in repeating three times)*
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #365

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Lord Jesus, what a Redeemer you are! You free us to live a new life as your holy and redeemed people. By the very same power that overcame the grave and left the tomb empty, empower us to live with great hope, joy, celebration and peace. Place in our mouths the great Good News that our Redeemer lives. We pray in your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music “An Easter Chant” G. Young

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by Brian Bak

Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” #367
(Please sing along with the Praise & Rejoice Choir)

Children’s Message *(Congregation please sing ‘Jesus Loves Me’ as children gather)*

Special Music “O Worship the King” Anna Laura Page

Handbell Choir
Directed by Beverly Splinter

First Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ²Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again 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 merry-makers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For 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.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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.”

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

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. *The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon “The World Has Changed... Alleluia!” Pastor Dan Overbo

Hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” #619 vs. 1, 2, 7 & 8

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Text to Give: 888-303-5012 or Scan the QR code located in the pew
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:
Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)

Offertory Response “Thine is the Glory” #376 vs. 1 & 2

Offering Prayer

Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Communion Special Music

“Break the Bread” N. Sleeth

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by Kristy Tostenson

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go now, knowing that your Redeemer—Christ Jesus—lives and frees us to live a new life of resurrection peace and power, joy and jubilee. Amen.

Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Sending Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

#369

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” J. Behnke

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve this Easter Sunday.
You are appreciated beyond measure.

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer staff wish all the families and friends of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer a joyful and blessed Easter. May God fill us with hope and new life as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and may He guide us as we seek to do His will each day.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer | Watertown, SD
Resurrection of Our Lord | Sunday, April 5, 2026



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- *Christy Barkley* by Linda Barkley & Family
- *Mark Mandery* by Dawn Mandery
- *Glen & Betty Schull, Alvin & Hazel Spanton, Sherry Spanton, Bob Moes, Bobby Gasper, Jason Morris, Warren Berg* by Patti & Steve Schull
- *Bonnie Kallenberger* by Kristi Kallenberger
- *Wayne Meester* by His Family
- *Blake Kruger* by DeLyle, Wendy, Wyatt, & Abby
- *Kathy Terwilliger* by Kerry, Alan, Abby, Kate, & Maddie Stager
- *Our Parents* by Rich & Marian Riddle
- *Our Sister & Aunt, Amy Pederson* by Karla & Roger Stimson, Brenda & Rick Rorvick, Troy & Dana Stimson



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