



# Resurrection of our Lord

April 5, 2026; 9 a.m.



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

*(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)*

## Prelude

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Mitchell Eithun  
JuBellation Handbell Choir

## Proclamation of Light *(please stand and face procession)*

A reading from John. (John 1:1-12)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

## Procession of Light

*Light of Christ, Rising in Glory* by Marty Haugen  
Assembly joins in singing the Refrain:

*Refrain*

Light of Christ, ris - ing in glo - ry, dis -  
pel the dark - ness of our hearts and minds.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(water may be poured into the font)*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us, especially the mighty Chippewa,  
Eau Claire and Red Cedar rivers, for Wisconsin, Hallie, Altoona and Half Moon  
lakes, and for all the creeks and ponds. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #376; *Thine is the Glory* arr. M. Tucker

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

## Apostolic Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Reading: Acts 10:34-43 *(please sit)*

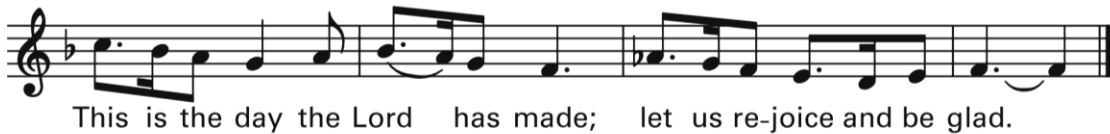
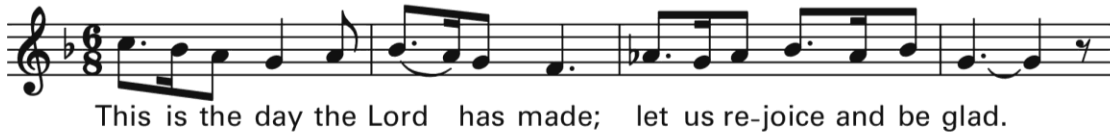
<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All 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.**

## Psalm 118

*This is the Day* by Michael Joncas  
(*Assembly sings refrain:*)



1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever."
2. The LORD's right hand has struck with pow'r;  
the LORD's right hand is exalted.  
I shall not die, but live, and  
declare the works of the LORD.
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

## Children's Time

### Gospel Procession (*please stand*)

ELW #394; *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* vs. 1 (arr. S. Drummond Wolf)

#### *Refrain*

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our Lord  
was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

- 1 All the fair beauty of earth from the death of the winter arising!  
Ev'ry good gift of the year now with its master returns: *Refrain*

## Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his

clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> 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.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

ELW #394; *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* vs. 2 (arr. S. Drummond Wolf)

*Refrain*

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation.  
Treading the pathway of death, new life you give to us all: *Refrain*

## **Sermon** (*please sit*)

*“Funeral Interrupted”* Pastor Christine Emerson

## **Hymn of the Day** (*please stand*)

ACS #933; *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

1 Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!  
Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;  
sing of the seed from barren earth greening;

sing of creation, alleluia!  
Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;  
sing of the saints in water made holy;  
sing of salvation, alleluia!

- 2 Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!  
Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;  
sing now the myst'ry, hope of our glory;  
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!  
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;  
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;  
sing, all things living, alleluia!

## Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

## Prayers of the People

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Petition:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

## Announcements *(please sit)*

## Offering

*Joy to the Heart* by K. Lee Scott  
St. John's Choir & Brass Choir

## Offertory *(please stand)*

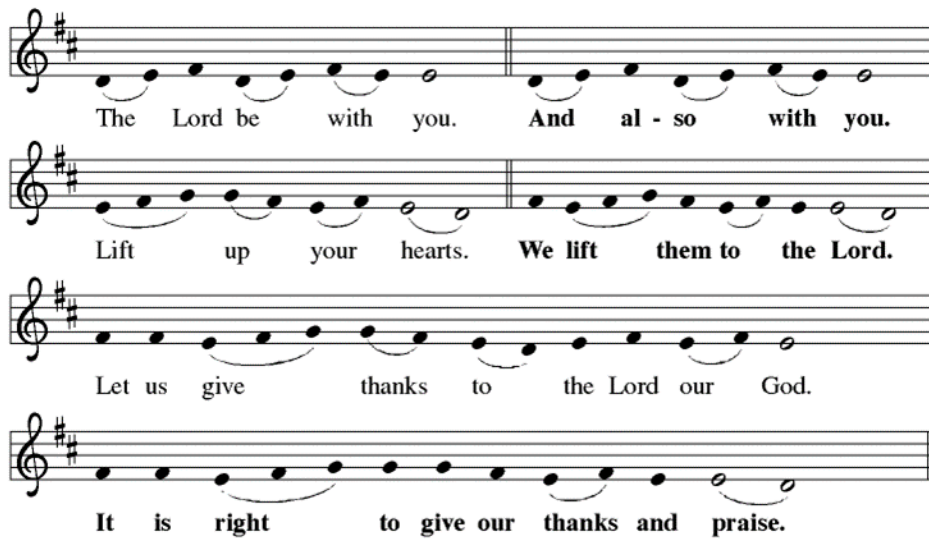
ELW #362; *At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing* vs. 1, 2, 4 (arr. Frank Larrabee)

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious king,  
who has washed us in the tide  
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
  
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. 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.**

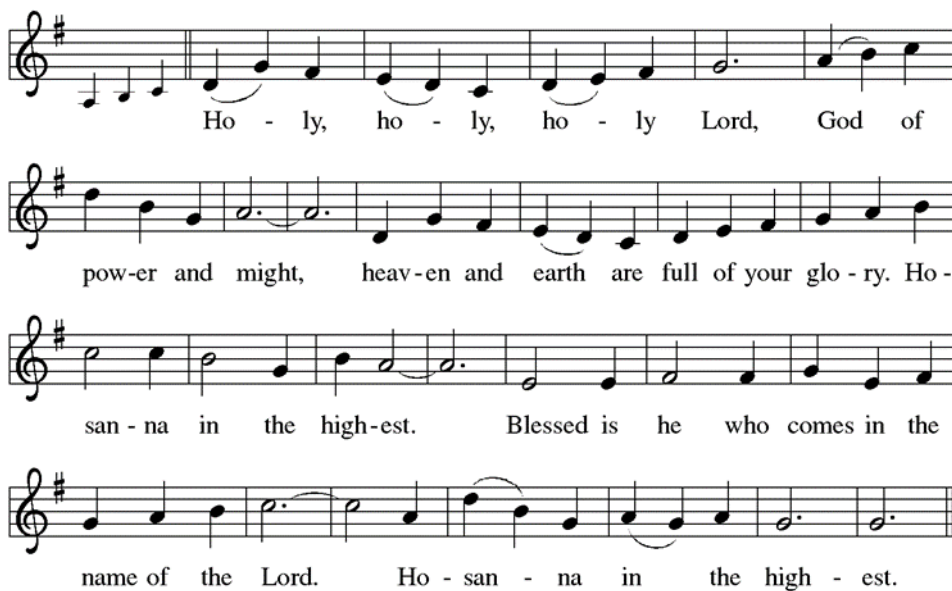
## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## Proper Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us...burning with justice, peace and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With (names) and your holy ones...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## 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.

## Communion Hymn

ELW #826; *Thine the Amen*

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head

- thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story  
thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup  
is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree  
all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing  
gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes  
thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee  
thine the glory yet to be  
then the ringing and the singing  
then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving  
evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise  
then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story  
then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing  
at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night  
no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree  
then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy

celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness  
only thee only thee.

### **Post-Communion Blessing** (*please stand*)

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

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. 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.**

### **Benediction**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ELW #365; *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* vs. 1, 2, 4 (arr. Lloyd Larson)

- 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!
  
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Sending

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

Linda Ranney

## Altar Flowers

## Chancel Flowers

## Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pastor Christine Emerson
Assistant	Sam Kording
Lector	Madeline Lee
Acolytes	-
Ushers	Mike Torud, Larry Schaefer
Greeters	Jeff Putnam, Norb Kirk
Communion Servers	-
Media & Streaming	Scott Olsen
Screen Operator	Brett Issacson
Musicians	Linda Ranney, accompanist; Mark Lundin, Director of Music; St. John's Choir; JuBellation; Rusty Brand & Jim Boulter, trumpet; Travis Christopherson & Benjamin Phillips, trombone; Frank Larrabee, flugelhorn; Brandon Spies & Ned Ernster, percussion

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