



April 5, 2026 – The Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday)

AS WE GATHER

“He is risen!” “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Today, we celebrate that Jesus Christ did not stay dead in the tomb. We celebrate that when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb, they found it empty. We celebrate the words of the angel, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said” (Matthew 28:5-6). We celebrate that the risen Jesus met them along their path and greeted them. We celebrate that **Jesus is risen!** (He is risen indeed! Alleluia!) And as the hymn says, “Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!” (LSB 474).

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 457, “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

People: **But they did not find Jesus in the tomb.**

Pastor: An angel of the Lord had descended from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

People: **The angel spoke to the women.**

Pastor: The angel said: “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

People: **He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.”**

Pastor: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we come together to rejoice and celebrate that our Savior is risen, we also remember why He died in the first place.

People: **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.**

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

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

Pastor: Let us take a moment of silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace; your Savior is risen!

People: **Because He is risen, we too shall rise! Alleluia!**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast” (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 155)*

All: *Refrain:* **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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. *Final Refrain*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–43*

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 16*

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Pastor: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

People: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Pastor: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

People: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in

accordance with the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ 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.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR *“Jesus is Alive”*

VERSE

Pastor: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 28:1–10*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then 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.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 474, “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”*

SERMON *“Jesus is Risen, Just as He Said!”*

NICENE CREED

All: 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

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answer us.
People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 159-160)*

All: **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

THE COMMUNION CONFESSION

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
People: **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 161)*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You ... one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (*Music and words in hymnal, LSB 163*)

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRUBUTION HYMNS

LSB 461, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 467, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

LSB 488, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

THANK THE LORD (*Music and words in hymnal, LSB 164*)

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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 give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN LSB 469, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

Service adapted from Divine Service setting 1 (LSB 151-166).



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of April 5, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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Family for the Week: James Sharp and Dane Arbuckle
St. John's, Monett - Rev. Andrew Kennell

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Baby Vada (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)

Glenda (Teri Ediger's step mother - health and healing)

Cody (Cheryl Lile's son - health and healing)

Ardella (health and healing)

Rebecca (Kathy Holly's relative – health and healing from cancer)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Tammy Ardrey (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)

Becky – (daughter of Diane and Bill Thompson)

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)

Opal Bulow (niece of Linda Myers)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson – health and healing)

Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son to Teri)

McGee family – (health and healing)

Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer-Wolf)

Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)

Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)

Donnie Munden – (brother-in-law of Cathy Munden)

Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)

Joe Pennington – (brother-in-law of Bill Michel – health and healing)

Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Tim Tucek – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)

Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

Long Term

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)

Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)

Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)

Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)

Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)

Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)

Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)

Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)

Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-in-law – health & healing)

Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)

Bill Thompson – (health and healing)

June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

Sunday

April 5th

WEEK

Easter Breakfast - 8:30 am

Service with Communion – 10:00 am

Monday	April 6 th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm LWML in Freistatt - 1:30 pm
Thursday	April 9 th	Confirmation - 5:30 pm
Friday	April 10 th	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday	April 12 th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour Bible-Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service
Monday	April 13 th	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Birthdays: Apr. 10-Angela Sharp
Anniversaries: Apr. 5-Michael & Amy Garoutte; Apr. 9-Peter & Christina Granderson

April

05: Matthew Springer & Emily Ernest

12: Gladys Bauer & Cheryl Lile
 19: Bill and Joanne Michel
 26: Charlie & Edee Chambers

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Transportation Help Needed: One of our shut-ins is in need of transportation help to and from her doctors' appointments. We would like to have a list of people who are willing to help. You would **not** be signing up to be a driver for every appointment. You would only be signing up to be on the list of individuals willing to be contacted, if needed. Please

contact Pastor Heitshusen if you are willing to put your name in the list and/or if you have any questions.

Portals of Prayer are now available.

Join us for Bible class on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Sundays, we meet at 9 am in the Sanctuary. We are currently going through the book of Colossians, where we have heard that we have been raised with Christ in our baptism and because of that, we live our lives as baptized children of God. Starting on Wednesday, April 15, we will re-start our Wednesday evening Bible study at 6 pm in the conference room. We are reading through the Gospel of John. We will pick up in chapter 6, where Jesus will feed the 5,000, walk on water, and tell the people that He is the bread of life. Come and join us as we study God's Word together.

The **LWML Spring Social** is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd, in Rockville. An invitation is posted in the narthex. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have questions, or would like to attend, please talk with Edith.