

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 - 10:30 am

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome to the Easter season! The 40 days of Lent have passed, and today we gather as a community of faith to celebrate victory over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death, basking in the light of the resurrection. As we worship together, may the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and renew your spirits. We celebrate that Jesus has opened the gates of paradise for us, and his resurrection power is available to us all. Welcome to this celebration of salvation and eternal life.

It is our hope that as we join in song, liturgy, and word that you will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord here at The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer. Our vibrant parish invites you to join us each Sunday as we continue to celebrate Easter and the blessings that God has bestowed on us.

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Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

A place where God is at work!
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝

Voluntaries

The Joyful Eastertide

Michael Burkhardt

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

James Biery

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

David Sims

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 as the presiding minister continues.

<We kneel.>

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. 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

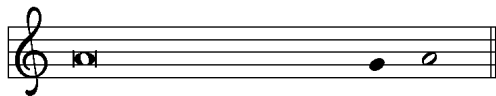
The Day of Resurrection!

ELW Hymn 361

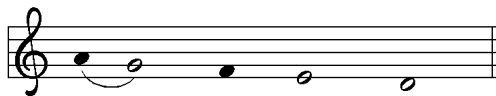
GREETING

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.**

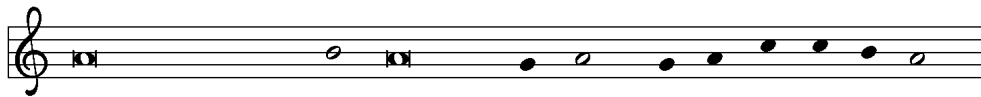
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



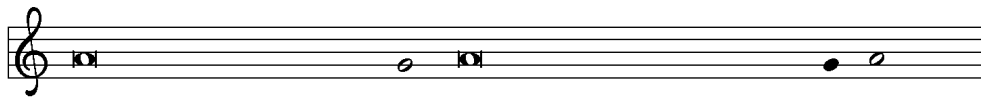
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



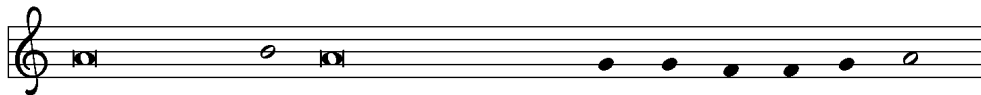
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. God of resurrection, **Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Psalm 145:13-21

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands

Mark Patterson

LIL’ LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Walk by Faith

ELW Hymn 635

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God," and the response is "receive our prayer."
At the conclusion of the prayers, ... through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also, with you.

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ MEAL ✚

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for a handbell choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the hymn.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

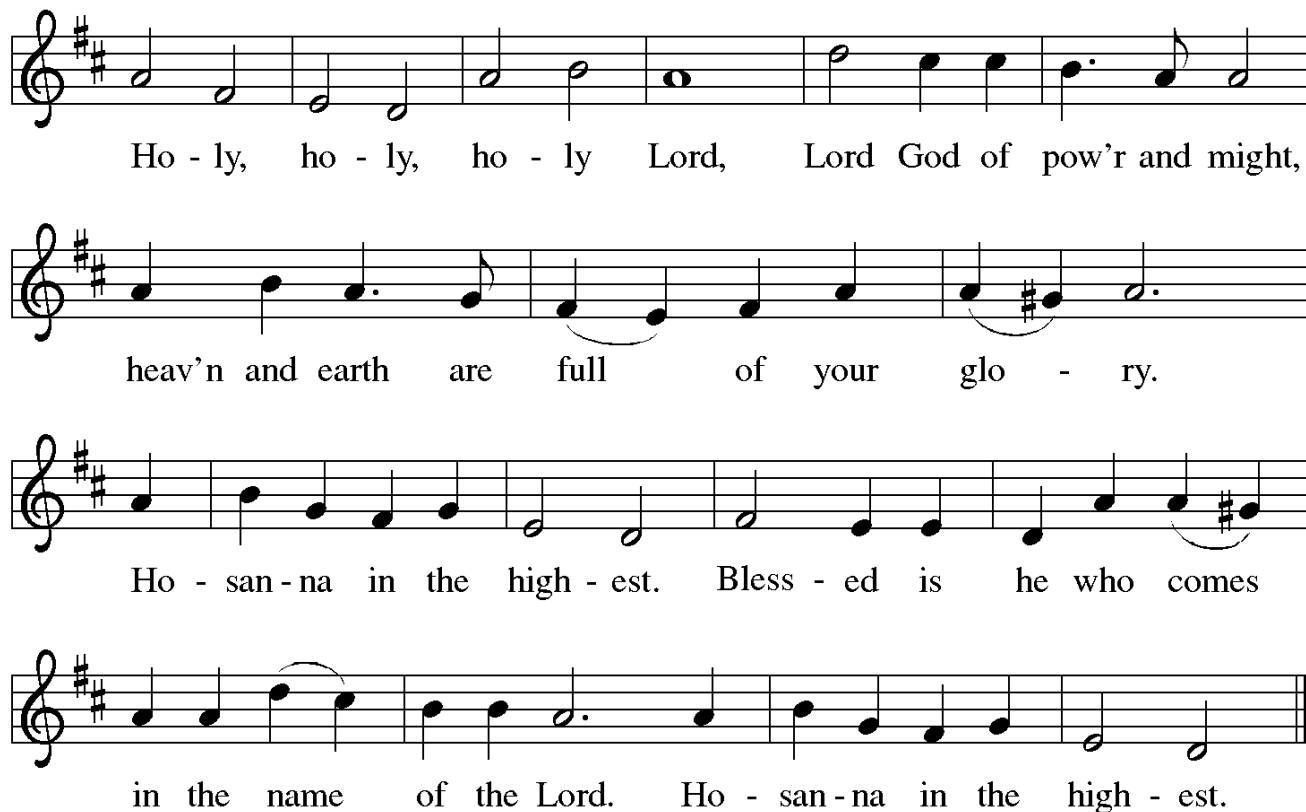
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

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

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

..... ✚ SENDING ✚

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Spirit.
In the name of the Spirit.
The Three-in-One.
The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May God’s face shine upon you.
May God’s face shine upon you.
May God’s blessings be with you.
May God’s blessings be with you.
And give you peace.
And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!** *ELW Hymn 385*

DISMISSAL

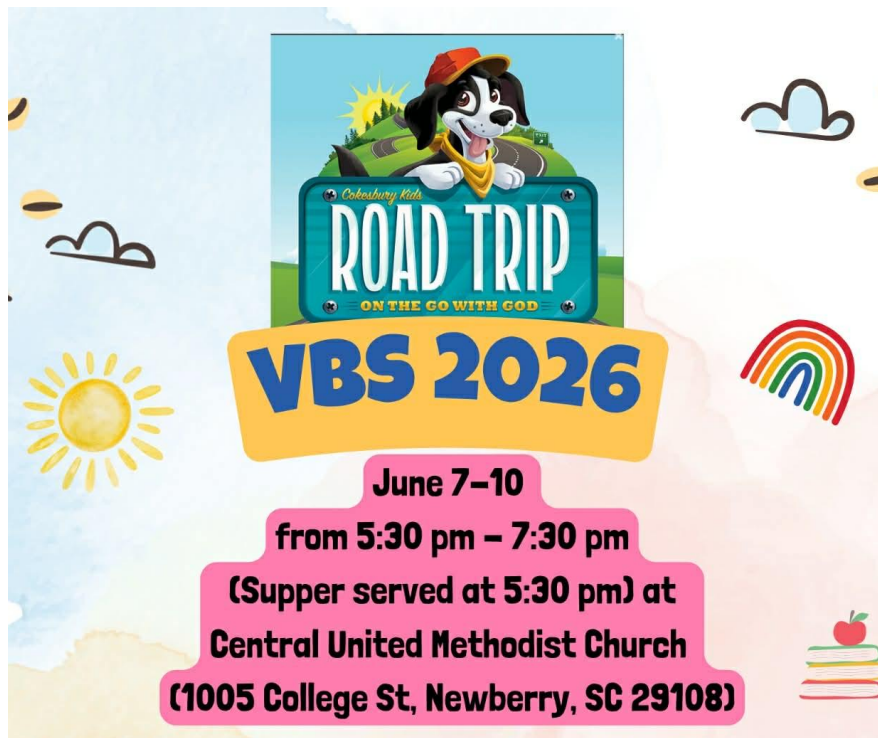
Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* Michael Burkhardt

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bobby and Georgette Livingston and Elizabeth Boozer by Polly and Lee Davis.

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..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA will meet in the Family Life Center today, April 12th, at 3:00 PM, with other members of the Heartland Conference. We will be working on our plans for the SCWELCA Convention which will be held at Redeemer on June 19th and 20th. We look forward to seeing you there. All women and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

Lutheran Men in Mission invite you as we visit the awe-inspiring architecture of churches and cathedrals from all over the world at the next LMM meeting, Tuesday, April 14th at 7pm in the FLC. Ben Bowers is the head chef preparing country fried steak, rice and gravy, and other side dishes. Bob Montgomery is presenting the program. "Each of these churches is a temple not only to the greatest glory of the Christian God but also to the memory of the countless men and women who believed."

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
12 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation - 4pm	13 Congregation Council Meeting - 6pm	14 Prayer Shawl - 10am Finance Comm Meeting - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	15 Handbell Rehearsal - 6pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	16 NC Madrigals Concert - 6pm Church	17	18 GAAP - 10am	19 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: Lisa Senn
Acolyte:
Crucifer: Levi Richardson
Comm Prep: Ben Bowers
Altar Flowers: Polly & Lee Davis
Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Worship Asst: Eve Kneece
Acolyte: Gavin Garner
Crucifer: JC Hazel
Comm Prep: Kathy Lindsay
Flowers: Nikki Chapman
Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for April 5, 2026:

Attendance:

SS: 28
In-Person: 7am: 19 10:30am: 144
Online: 911
Total: 1,055

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$4,259.70
Major Maintenance: \$ 302.50
Dedicated Accounts
Abiding Memorial: \$ 25.00
Special Flowers: \$ 24.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers

We're grateful you've joined us in worship during this holy season. If you would like to support the ongoing ministry and life of this congregation, you can do so by scanning the QR code. May God's blessings be with you today and always.

