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of grace and love with all  
through worship, service,  
and fellowship.**



**Our Vision:**  
**Joy is a spiritual community**  
**sharing the love of Christ in a**  
**challenging world.**



***Resurrection of Our Lord- Easter Day***  
***April 5, 2026***

**PRELUDE**

**CHRIST  
THE LORD  
IS RISEN TODAY**



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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.



P 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.



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

**P 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.**



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

**P 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.**



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

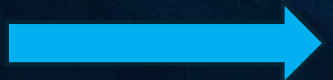
**P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:***

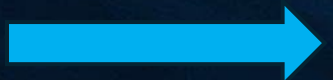
**“JESUS CHRIST IS  
RISEN TODAY”**

**ELW #365**



**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!**

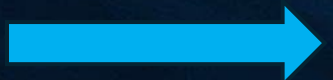


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Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!

unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!

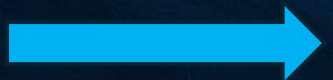
sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!



**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 you heav'nly host,  
Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

# ***Greeting***

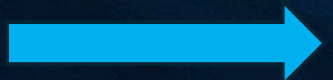
**P:** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE:***

**“Glory to God”**

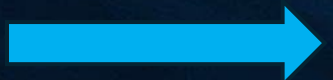
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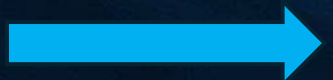
**1**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace,  
goodwill to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of  
surpassing worth:**

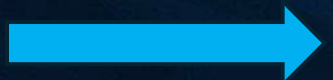


**we exalt you, we adore you,  
we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you;  
here on earth our songs we raise.**

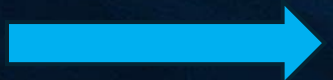


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**Glory be to Christ forever,  
Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heav'n above;**

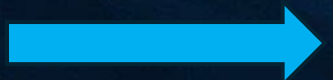


**on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;  
in your promise firm we stand.**



**3**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;  
Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you,  
God most high, yet near to all:**

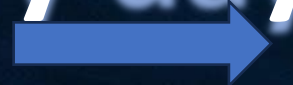


**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,  
in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit,  
glory be to God on high!**

# *PRAYER OF THE DAY*

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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



**C** 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: 11:00







**P:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24**

***R: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps.118:24)***

***<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.***

***<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."***



14 The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

15 *Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo  
in the tents | of the righteous:*

*“The right hand of the | LORD acts  
valiantly!”*

16 The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”



**17** *I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD. R  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**18** The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.


**19** *Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the  
LORD.*



20 “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

21 *I give thanks to you, for you have  
answered me and you have become  
my salvation. R*

*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone. 

***23 By the LORD has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.***

***24 This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R***

***This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

**Colossians**

**3:1-4**

***Raised  
with Christ  
to seek the  
higher things.***

*Set your minds  
on things above.*

*Colossians 3:2*





**P:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

# ***SPECIAL MUSIC***



***“Sing a Grateful Hymn of Praise” – JOY Choir and Handbell Choir”***

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:***

***“Alleluia”***

***ELW page 205***



**Alleluia! Lord and Savior:  
open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us;  
speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing  
for the good news that you bring.**

**P: The Holy  
Gospel  
According to  
Matthew  
28: 1-10**

**C: Glory to  
you O Lord**





**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.



**HE IS NOT HERE**

***TODAY'S  
MESSAGE  
GIVEN BY  
PR. ART  
WUERTZ***

***a moment of silence  
for reflection***

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

# **“Because He Lives”**

**CCLI #16880**



**1. God sent His Son  
they called Him Jesus**

**He came to love  
heal and forgive**



**He bled and died  
to buy my pardon**

**An empty grave is there  
to prove My Savior lives**



**(CHORUS)**

**Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives  
all fear is gone**



**Because I know  
He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
just because He lives**



**2. How sweet to hold  
a newborn baby**

**And feel the pride  
and joy he gives**



**But greater still  
the calm assurance**

**This child can face uncertain  
days because Christ lives**



**(CHORUS)**

**Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives  
all fear is gone**



**Because I know  
He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
just because He lives**



**3. And then one day  
I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final  
war with pain**



**And then as death  
gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
and I'll know He reigns**



**(CHORUS)**

**Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives  
all fear is gone**



**Because I know  
He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
just because He lives**

# ***NICENE CREED***

**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 the PEOPLE**



**Response after each petition is:  
“Receive our prayer”**

# *Passing of the Peace*

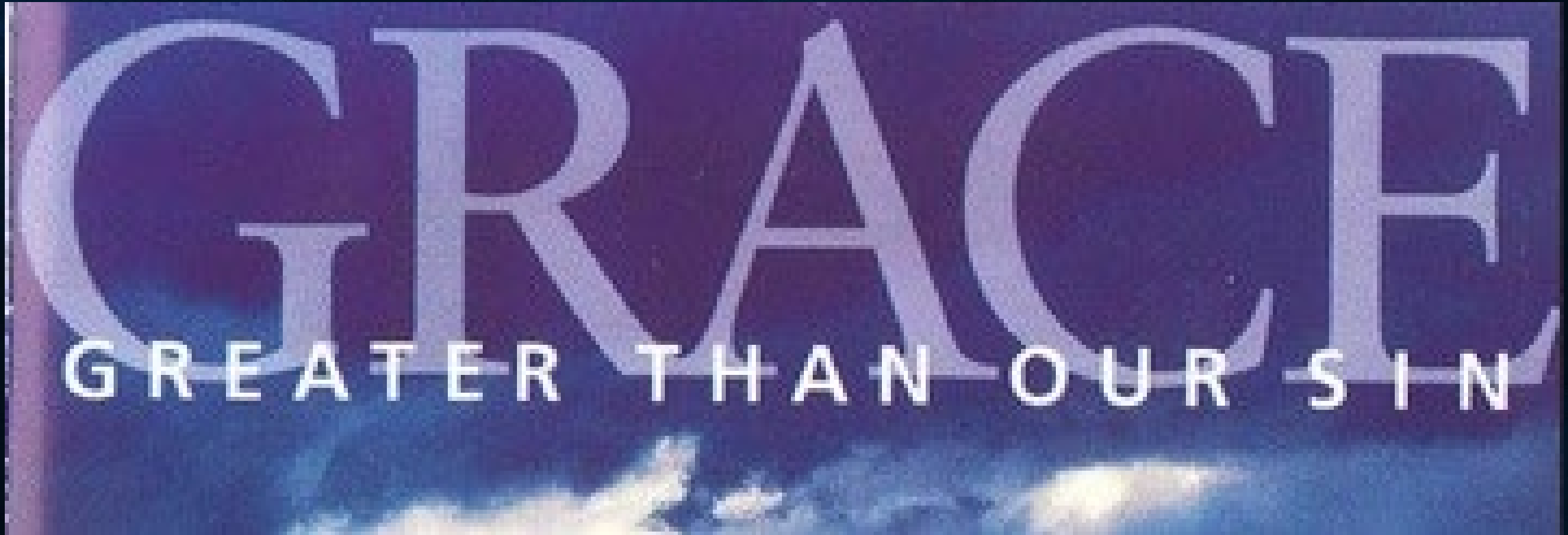
**P:** The peace of the  
Lord be with you  
always.

**C:** And also  
with you.

*(Share the sign of peace  
in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*



# ***OFFERTORY***



**Com. Daniel B. Towner**

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY***

***“Thine Is The Glory”***

***ELW # 376    verse 1***



**11**

**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!

# *Offertory Prayer*

**A:** 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



**A:** 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,

**C: Amen.**

# ***The Sacrament of Communion***

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.



**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks  
and praise.

***It is indeed  
right...***



***SANCTUS***

***“Holy, Holy, Holy”***

***ELW page 207***



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

# ***Eucharistic Prayer***

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***Words of  
Institution***



# ***The Lord's Prayer***

**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 Communion***

**P:** Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

**C:** Amen.

***ALL*** baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

***Station communion will be observed today.***

***Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice***

***(Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.***

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,  
please let the usher know.***

***“LAMB OF GOD”***

**ELW page 208**



**1**

**O Lamb of God,  
you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now, we pray.**



2

**O Lamb of God,  
you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave:  
have mercy now, we pray.**



**3**

**O Lamb of God,  
you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

***“Now the Feast and  
Celebration”***

***ELW # 167***



# Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life  
and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**



1

**Now is the feast of  
the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed  
and united us  
to be one great people of God.**



# Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life  
and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**



2

**Power and riches,  
wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory  
to Christ forever.**



# Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life  
and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**



**3**

**For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new.**



# Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life  
and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

***“Christ The Lord  
Is Risen Today”***

***ELW # 373***

***verses 1, 2, 5, and 6***



1

**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"**

**All on earth with angels say;  
raise your joys and triumphs high;  
sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.**



2

Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.



5

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
hail, the resurrection, thou!**



6

**King of glory, soul of bliss,  
everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
thus to sing, and thus to love!**

**“AMAZING GRACE”**

**ELW # 779**



1

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**



2

'Twas grace that taught my  
heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!



3

Through many dangers, toils,  
and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.



4

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**



5

**When we've been there  
ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

# ***Communion Blessing***

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in His grace.

**C:** Amen.

## *Prayer after Communion*

A: 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,

C: Amen.

# Blessing:

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN

***SENDING HYMN:***

***“I KNOW THAT MY  
REDEEMER LIVES”***

***ELW #619***

***verses 1,2, and 8***

**1**

**I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**What comfort this  
sweet sentence gives!**

**He lives, he lives,  
who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!**



2

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.**



8

**He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

# ***Sending***

**A: Go in peace.**

**Praise the Lord. Alleluia!**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# The Day Of Resurrection

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*“The Day Of Resurrection” arr. Larry Shackley*

