

*The Journey's End*  
*A Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection*  
*April 05, 2026 11:00 AM*

Coming to the empty tomb

Prelude

Instrumentalists

Choir call to Worship: Introit for Easter  
Redeemer Choir

The Easter Greeting:  
(from I Cor. 15)

P: He is Risen!

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

P: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead

**C: He is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**

P: For since by one man came death

**C: By one Man also comes the resurrection of the dead**

P: For as in Adam all die

**C: So too in Christ shall all be made alive**

P: O death, where is thy sting?

**C: O grave, where is thy victory?**

P: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**C: He is risen!**

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LSB 457

P: If we claim to be without sin, we lie to ourselves and there is no truth in us.

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our merciful Father:

**C: Holy God, on this day Your Son overcame death and the grave and freed us from the power of sin and the fear of everlasting condemnation. Yet we are still a people filled with fears. In our fear we violate Your holy Law, adding the fear of Your wrath to our already fear sopped lives. For the sake of Your only-begotten Son, who rose from the dead this holy day, remove our fears and fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may ever embrace and hold fast the fearless life which has no end; through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and through the ending of the ages. Amen.**

P: Fear not! For I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here (in the tomb), He is risen! Come, see the place where he was laying. (Mt. 28:5-6) Cast all your fears, sins, sorrows, and worries in the tomb. There is plenty of room for them for the tomb is empty. God has accepted Jesus' sacrifice in payment for all our sins. Therefore, as Christ's called and ordained servant and by His authority, I declare to you all your sins are forgiven you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **This Is the Feast**

*LSB 155*

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A 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.**

C Amen.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading      Jeremiah 31:1-6**

Pew Bible p. 1225

**Anthem: Jesus Is Risen**

Redeemer Choir

### **Epistle**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**LBS156**

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 28:1-10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and 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 to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

**LSB 469**

**Sermon: Where's the Body**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Apostles' Creed**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, on this glorious day, fill Your people with a holy fear at the resurrection of Your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of Your power to save. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Be with Matthew, our Synod president; \_\_\_\_\_, our district president; and all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Comfort those who mourn with the truth of Christ's empty tomb, that in the midst of their grief they may abide in the hope of His resurrection. Uphold them in faith as they await the day when You will wipe every tear from all faces. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

The Offerings are Gathered

Offertory: The Day of Resurrection

Redeemer Choir

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*

C **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

*LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C 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.**

## **Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

Distribution of the Lord's Supper in Continuous fashion

Hymn: **I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

*LSB 461*

## **Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

**C 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**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **Dismissal:**

P: Christ is risen!

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

P: Let us go forth in peace with His song on our lips

**Hymn to Depart: My Redeemer Lives!**

we sing

We exit as

I know He rescued my soul  
His blood, He covered my sin  
I believe, I believe!

My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe, I believe!

*I'll raise a banner, My Lord has conquered the grave*

*My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!  
My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!*

**Repeat**

*You lift my burden, I rise with You.  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop  
to see Your Kingdom come...*

**Chorus x3**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Manna House Monthly Spaghetti Dinner** is this Tuesday, April 14, 5-6:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Newton. Enter the dining area from the back of the church. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread & cookies. Adults \$5, children 5-12 \$3 and children under 5 are free.

**Ministry Board Meeting** There is an in-person meeting for April 16 @ 7pm.



## APRIL

Sun.	April 05	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
		11am	Resurrection Worship Service
<b>Monday 06 – Wednesday 08 Pastor's Time Off</b>			
Tues.	April 07	7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Sunday	April 12	10pm	Sunday Sch/Adult Bible Study
		11am	Worship Service
Tues.	April 14	5-6:30pm	Manna House Spaghetti Dinner
		7pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Wed	April 15	7pm	Zoom Table Talk with Pastor
Thurs	April 16	10am-1pm	Manna House
		7pm	In person Ministry Meeting