



**ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2026  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



*Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them. And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free & regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.*

**PRELUDE**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**WELCOME**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING SONG** Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**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.

Merciful God, [...]

Blessed are you.

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

Jesus Christ, [...]

Blessed are you.

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

Holy Spirit, [...]

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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (see yellow sheet)

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**WORD** (see yellow insert)

**FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

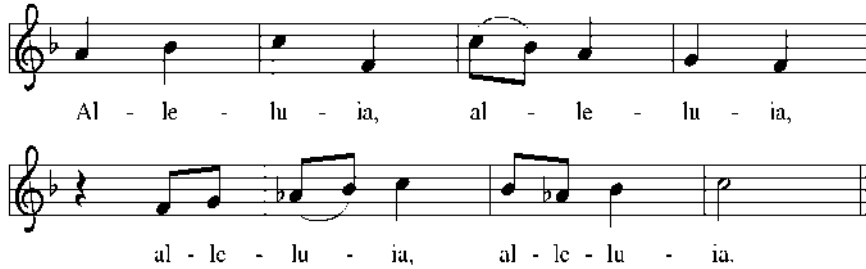
**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24** (read responsively)

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:3-11**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th Chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## SERMON

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Hymn #380 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

## NICENE CREED

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 INTERCESSION

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

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## MEAL

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Adult Choir*

*“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven” GOSS ARR. PERRY  
JUSTINE KERSCHER, TRUMPET*

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To the throne thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore God's praises sing.*

*Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise the Lord for grace and favor To all people in distress;  
Praise God, still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.*

*Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.*

*Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame God knows;  
Motherlike, God gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.*

*Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

*Angels in the heights, adoring, You behold God face to face;  
Saints triumphant, now adoring, Gathered in from every race.*

*Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**OFFERING** Hymn #385 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”* vs. 1, 4

## OFFERING 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 [...] join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS** *“Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW Pg. 130*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

This is the day that in joy and delight...

For Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

This is the day that you gave light to the earth...

And that light is Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

This is the day that you broke the chains of death...

For Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

On the night before he died... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit...

For that light is Christ:

**Thanks be to God.**

All holy and mighty and glorious God...

For Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

Amen and amen.

**Amen and amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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**

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

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**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG** *"Lamb of God", ELW pg. 135*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *Hymn #362 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. 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.**

**BLESSING**

Like the women at the tomb on Easter morning, may the resurrected Christ awaken you with curiosity, bless you with hope, and send you out into the world full of new life.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Hymn #366 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" vs. 1, 3, 5*

**DISMISSAL** *Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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

**POSTLUDE**

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