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**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Easter Service with Holy Communion**

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Service Theme

**Our Living High Priest**

Even though Jesus' Resurrection is God's irrevocable declaration of forgiveness, life, and salvation for those who believe in Him, it doesn't mark the end of Jesus work. As our risen and living High Priest, Jesus continues to intercede to His Father on our behalf and brings His Father's blessings to us.



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## Invocation

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

**Amen!**

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

This is the day the LORD has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### 675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675 sts. 1, 5-8



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
5 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, hell's fierce  
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no  
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide  
pow'rs be - neath you lie. You have con - quered in the fight,  
more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,  
lone can sin de - stroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days,



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
you have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

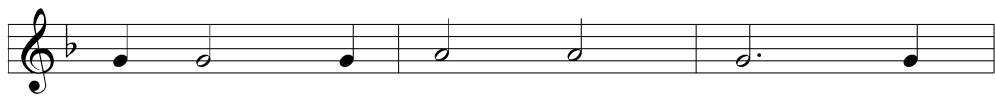
**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

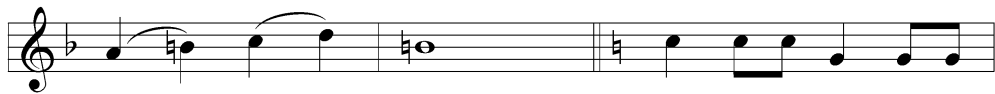




You are seated at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



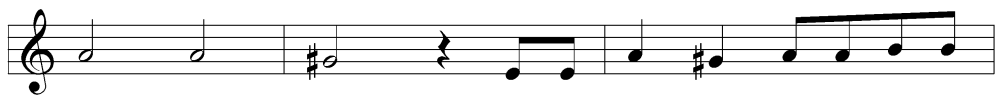
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Old Testament**

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

*The Lord has taken away our disgrace, torn up the shroud of death, and promised us an eternal feast of joy.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain  
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines,  
with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain  
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,  
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He has swallowed up death forever!  
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.  
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the  
earth.

For the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God!  
We waited for him, and he saved us!  
This is the LORD! We waited for him.  
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"



## Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

*Jesus' Resurrection, witnessed by many, is the cornerstone of the Christian faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. <sup>2</sup>You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup>that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

<sup>6</sup>After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles.

<sup>8</sup>Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle,

because I persecuted God's church. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them

(and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). <sup>11</sup>So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

## Verse of the Day

Revelation 1:18



### Refrain



### Tone



## Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

*Jesus rose from the dead.*



<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

<sup>6</sup>He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.’ See, I have told you!”

<sup>8</sup>They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

### The Apostle’s Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

**441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

CW 441 sts. 1, 3-6



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to  
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my  
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

**Sermon Text & Theme**

**Hebrews 7: 24-25 ... Jesus is our Living High Priest"**

But because this one endures forever, he has a permanent priesthood. So for this reason he is able to save forever those who come to God through him, because he always lives to plead on their behalf.

# 561 Before the Throne of God Above

CW 561



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## Offertory Prayer

## **Prayer for the Church & Lord's Prayer**

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.**

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

**We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt. Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.**

*(Special intercessions may follow)*

Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ. Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!**

Gracious Lord, we now pray the prayer you have taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord *and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of 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. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Word of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of



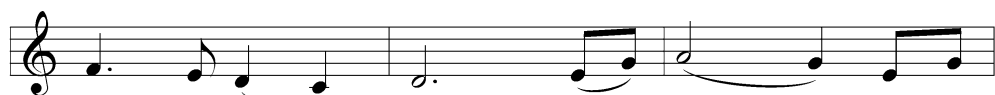
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



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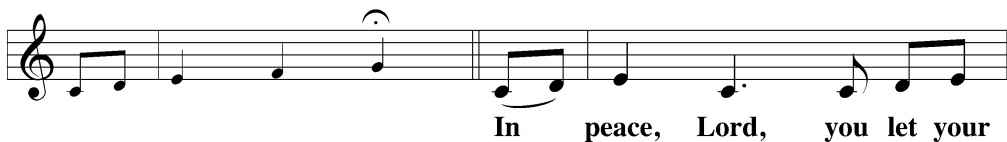


grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

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# SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



## Thanksgiving

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**And his mercy endures forever.**

## Final Prayer

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

### 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

CW 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
he has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

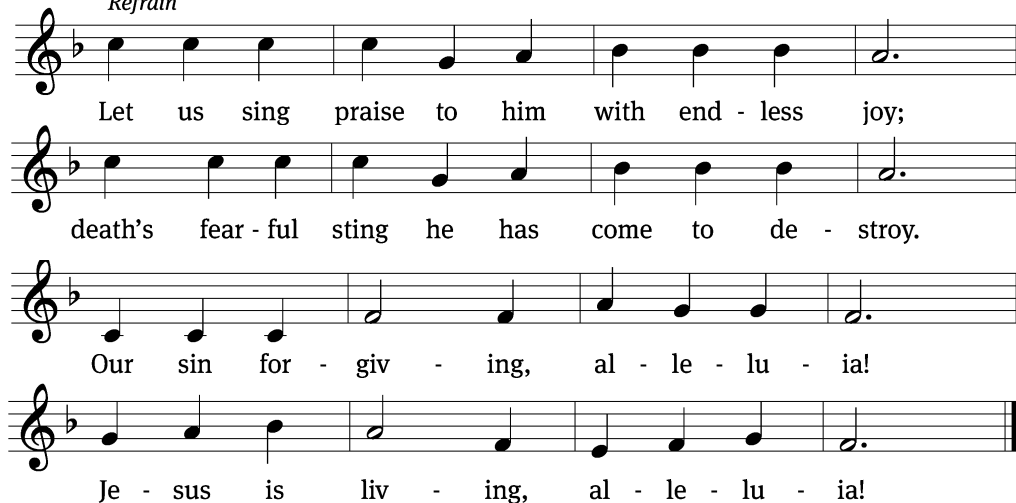


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare,  
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;  
death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

## Announcements

### *Church Cleaners*

April 12 – Barnabas / April 19 – Luke

#### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (5) 8:00 am Easter Sunrise** (with Communion)  
9:00 am Easter Breakfast  
**10:30 am Easter Worship**  
**3:00 pm Easter at Our Shepherd (Poltimore)**

*Pastor will be out of town from April 7 - 11*

**Su (12) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:45 am Coffee Hour

Tu (14) 7:00 pm Communicating Christ Class

Fr (17) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Su (19) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship** (with Communion)  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore