

**EASTER SUNDAY
FESTIVAL
SERVICE
April 5, 2026
9:30 A.M.
In Person,
Facebook Live &
YouTube**

About the Cover:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ's resurrection has changed everything. By faith, we have died to sin, have been buried with Him, and have been raised with Him. This changes the way we look at this life, turning our eyes upward toward the things of God. One day, Christ will return. On that day, what we now hold by faith will be delivered before our very eyes as we appear with Christ in His glory at the resurrection of our bodies. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You have been raised with Christ



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD!

In consideration of your fellow worshipers, please be sure to turn off your cell phone.

Theme for Worship: He is risen! Today is the day that defines all others, the day Jesus rose from the dead to overcome death once and for all for all humanity. We are here to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the gift He gives of our sharing not only in His death, but more importantly His new life. This new life comes to us not in a vacuum but THROUGH His Church. We'll rejoice in our gathering this morning and all who are here, in person and in other ways (radio and internet.) We will also see how Jesus appears to the women on Easter morning when and where they need Him, just as He does for us today!

♪Pre-Service Music: "Love Crucified Arose"

Spiritwind

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

♪Processional Song: "I Know That My Redeemer Loves"

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| 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. | 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high. | 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. |
| 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there. |
| 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P He is Risen!

C He is Risen indeed, alleluia!

P In joyful celebration of God's victory over death and the restoration of His people, please join me in confessing our faith using the words of Nicene creed

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

C the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

P The LORD is my strength and my song,

C and he has become my salvation.

P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

C your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

P You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

C you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

C the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

P the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

C The LORD will reign forever and ever.

P& **C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

C the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1–6

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” ²Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–4

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter. **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then 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.

♪Sermon Song: “To the Lamb”

1. **To the Lamb upon the Throne,
Be the praise forever more.
Be the power and the glory,
Be the strength and majesty.**

Chorus: **We worship Thee, O Lamb of God, The Living Word.
We lift up Your name and worship Thee.
Ancient of Days, We give You praise, O Lamb upon the Throne.**

2. **Son of God, Son of Man,
You became the Spotless Lamb;
Suffering for me, You showed me mercy,
Now You reign in majesty. *Chorus***

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering & Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with “Lord in your mercy” to which the congregation responds with “Hear our prayer.”

The 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**

The Celebration of The Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The celebration of Jesus' resurrection this morning continues with the sacrament that He gave to us. This meal connects the earthly Jesus to each of us even after 2,000 years. In, with and under the bread and wine we find the real body and blood of Jesus given and shed on the cross and yet restored to true life so that we too may share in that eternal life. We also share in the community He has created in His body, the Church. As we partake of this meal, we are not alone. God is present in the bread and wine as well as in the fellow believers gathering at this altar and within all believers around the world! Please join me in preparing our hearts for our participation in this special event.

C Father I trust in your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make me worthy to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

The Words of Institution:

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 His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My 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 is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the Name of Jesus.

The Sacrament Is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪Songs during Distribution:

♪ “Sing Hallelujah”

(Spiritwind echoes phrases)

1. Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
2. Jesus is risen from the dead. Jesus is risen from the dead.
Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Jesus is risen from the dead.
3. Christ is the Lord of Heav’n and earth. Christ is the Lord of Heav’n and earth.
Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Christ is the Lord of Heav’n and earth.
4. Praise be to God forevermore. Praise be to God forevermore.
Sing Hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Praise be to God forevermore.
5. Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

♪ “He is Risen, He is Risen”

1. He is risen He is risen
Tell it out with joyful voice
He has burst His three days' prison
Let the whole wide earth rejoice
Death is conquered we are free
Christ has won the victory
2. Come you sad and fearful-hearted
With glad smile and radiant face
Death's long shadows have departed
Gloom with Easter joy replace

- Sin's dread sting for us He bore
Died He once to die no more
3. He is risen He is risen
He has opened heaven's gate
We are free from sin's dark prison
Risen to a holier state
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream

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♪ “The Lamb”

1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
*Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*
2. The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing. *Refrain*
3. The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
4. He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
5. He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong, Till ev’ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

♪ “Come People of a Risen King”

1. Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus Rejoice rejoice let ev’ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice

2. Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace *Chorus*
3. Come young and old from ev’ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev’ry age
Our God is all in all *Chorus*

The Benediction / Silent Prayers

♪ Postlude: “My Redeemer Lives”

---*Spiritwind*

PARTICIPANTS – April 5, 2026		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	7:00 a.m.	9:30a.m
Musicians	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>soloist, pianist</i> Christine Monteiro; <i>Trumpeter</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Brodie McWilliams	Elly Pringnitz
Crucifer		
Lay Reader	Russ Coulombe	Robert Miller
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald	---
Videographer/Sound	Mark Mistic	Nathan Allen
Slides	Doug Nelson	
Ushers	Taylor McWilliams, Jackson Harms & Tom Sawyer	Dan Lohmeier, Jen Allen & Will Michels
Communion Assist.	Chris Cook & Rob Tiggelaar	Brian Pringnitz & Dan Lohmeier

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God & in celebration of our 51st wedding anniversary,” by Roger & Ann Nelson.

Easter Lilies: “In joyful celebration of Easter Sunday, we give thanks for the hope and promise of the resurrection. May the risen Christ fill our hearts with peace, renew our spirits with faith, and inspire us to share His love and grace with all.” *The Easter lilies adorning our altar are given by members of the congregation in celebration of the resurrection and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings. Donors names are listed on the announcement page of the bulletin.*

Radio Broadcast: “To the glory of God & in celebration of our 51st wedding anniversary,” by Roger & Ann Nelson.

TO BE A SPONSOR: Contact the office to reserve a date.

Cost: \$45 Flowers.

\$250 One-hour radio broadcast of the church service; \$125 Half-sponsorships are also available.

Make your check out to Immanuel, with a notation on the memo line saying, “flowers,” or “radio.”

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