

The Order of Worship for
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
April 20, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS
*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:*
⁴⁸ *he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.*
And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

Welcome! As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we're excited to share what Holy Communion means to us. We believe that when we receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present "in, with, and under" them—not because the bread and wine change into something else or merely symbolize His body and blood, but because Jesus Himself said, "Take, eat, this is My body" and "Take, drink, this is My blood." Through His divine Word, we trust that we're truly receiving Christ's body and blood along with the bread and wine.

For us, this Sacrament is more than a memorial—it's Jesus coming to us in a real, tangible way. We believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is what we believe and confess about Holy Communion, rooted in Scripture and our faith in Christ.

If you're not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and have questions about our Communion practices—or if you'd like to join us at the Lord's Table—we'd love for you to talk with our pastor beforehand. After reading this and reflecting on your own beliefs, please fill out the Pew Card in the pew rack. When the offering plate comes by, place your tithes and gifts in it, then pass your Pew Card to the center aisle for the ushers to collect. May God bless our time together in this Communion service!

COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME & The TOLLING OF THE BELLS



EASTER GREETING

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end He will stand on this earth. (Job 19:25)

C **He is risen!**

P God set Him free from death and raised Him to life. Death could not hold Him in its power. (Acts 2:24)

C **He is risen!**

P But three days later, God raised Him to life and let Him be seen. (Acts 10:40)

C **He is risen!**

P He has set a day when He will judge the world's people with fairness. And He has chosen the Man Jesus to do the judging for Him. God has given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death. (Acts 17:31)

C **He is risen!**

P Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you and He will raise you to life by His Spirit. (Romans 8:11)

C **He is risen!**

P Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Everyone who has faith in Me will live, even if they die. And everyone who lives because of faith in Me will never really die. (John 11:25–26)

C **He is risen!**

P "Don't be afraid! I am the First, the Last and the Living One. I died, but now I am alive forevermore and I have the keys to death and the world of the dead." (Revelation 1:17–18)

C **Christ is risen!**

P He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING PROCESSIONAL (10:30am)

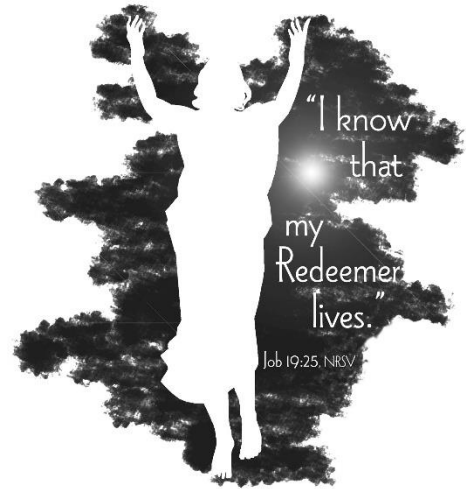
"The Gathering"

Joyful Ringers

PROCESSIONAL HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives *LSB 461 sts. 1,2,7,8*

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 all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
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
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!

(continued)



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Risen Lord Jesus, we sing about the victory over sin that You have won for us through Your death and resurrection; but we often don't live it very well. We still cave in to sin's attractiveness every day. Sometimes we even indulge in it. Worst of all, we remain reluctant to confess our sins and so receive the forgiveness and cleansing that You have promised.
- C** **Lord, too often I deny my sins. When I cannot deny them, I try to justify them—to You and to those I've wronged—with excuses or attempts to make up for them. Lord Jesus, enable me to realize that my sins are undeniable. They are inexcusable. They are unrepayable. But they are all forgivable. That's what Your resurrection is all about! Enable me to come clean before You—and to believe that by Your sacrifice I am forgiven.**

A time of silent confession

P God is gracious and freely forgives all who come to Him in repentance and faith. I
announce this precious forgiveness to each of you in the name of the Father and of the
risen T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **We thank God for this wonderful gift!**

P Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

ⴒ Service of the Word ⴒ

HYMN OF THANKS

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480 sts. 1–2

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, You have risen from the dead and live and reign for all eternity.
We thank and praise You for Your blessed passion, Your glorious resurrection, and
your promise to return and take us home. Fortify our faith and strengthen our hope
as we journey from this veil of tears to the New Jerusalem; for You live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–13

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (10:30am) Bell Peal on ELLACOMBE

Joyful Ringers

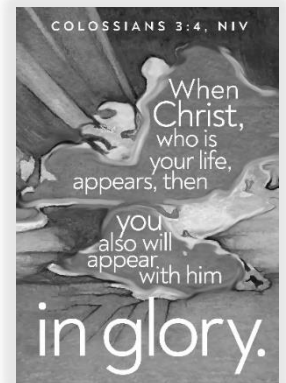
EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–4

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



GOSPEL PROCESSION (9am & 10:30am) (Please stand)

(Sung to Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - LSB 457)

*(Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the chancel
to the middle of the sanctuary.)*

Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high! Alleluia!
Christ is ris_en from death's sleep! Alleluia!
Child of God no longer weep! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–11

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

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

“He has risen
from the dead ...”

Matthew 28:7, NIV



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION (9am & 10:30am)

(Sung to Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - LSB 457)

Glory to our God above! Alleluia!
And on earth God's peace and love! Alleluia!
Christ is ris'n—the message heed! Alleluia!
Join the triumph: "Ris'n indeed!" Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Based on 1 Corinthians 15

- P For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
C **I believe Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died.**
- P That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
C **I believe Jesus was buried, descended into hell, and the third day He rose again from the dead.**
- P And that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.
C **Although I have not seen the risen Christ in physical form, I see Him with the eyes of faith! Thanks be to God who gives me the victory through Christ's mighty resurrection!**

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457 sts. 1–3

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!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners 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!



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

C **We know that if we ask anything in Your name and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayer but You promise to answer it.**

P Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of You, we lay before Your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.

C **You not only sacrificed Your life for our sins on the cross, but You defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before You, offering our thanks, praise, and service to You.**

P We pause to remember the events of the third day:

C **The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.**

P In each case, You brought joy to those circumstances.

C **Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what You did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with Your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.**

P We remember before Your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of Your care, [*especially . . . Linda Kelly, the family of Amber Kowalski (friend of Dorothy Christman), Tom Druin (friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman), Bruce Kirkland. Chris Sabin, John Vogel, Ken & Mary Werring*].

C **We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before Your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to Your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;

C **Look with compassion on those struggling paycheck to paycheck; for the homeless, the ones living in poverty; and so many we have not named but are known to You, almighty God. Care for them as only You can. Lord, hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who govern, both in our land and in others.

C **We pray for world leaders and all in authority, that they would be guided by Your Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.
- C **As You showed grace to the thief on the cross, show Your grace to those imprisoned who do not know You. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests.
- C **We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshipping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>



For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.

OFFERING HYMN (7:15am & 9:00am)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

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| <p>1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2. Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |

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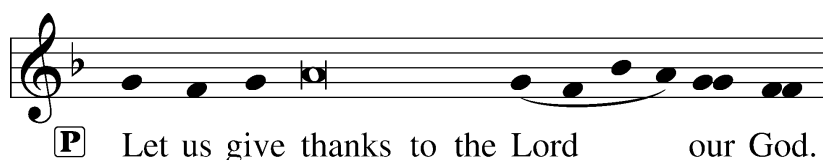
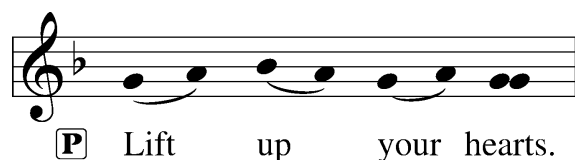
SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30am) “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” Vocal Choir

(Please stand)

† Service of the Sacrament †

PREFACE *(Sung at 9am & 10:30am)*

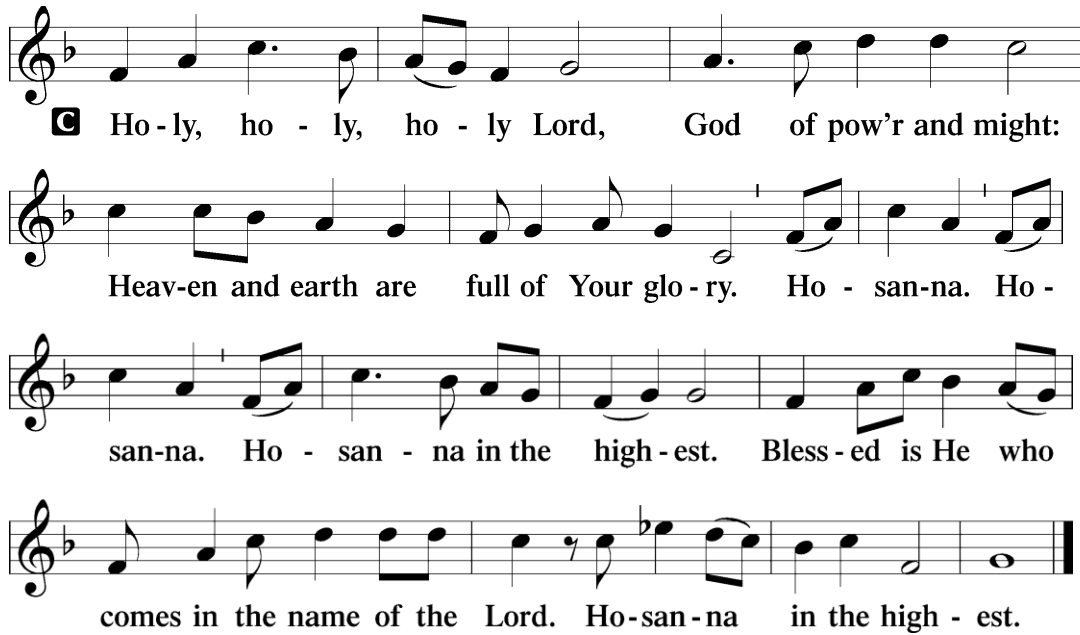
LSB 160



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 singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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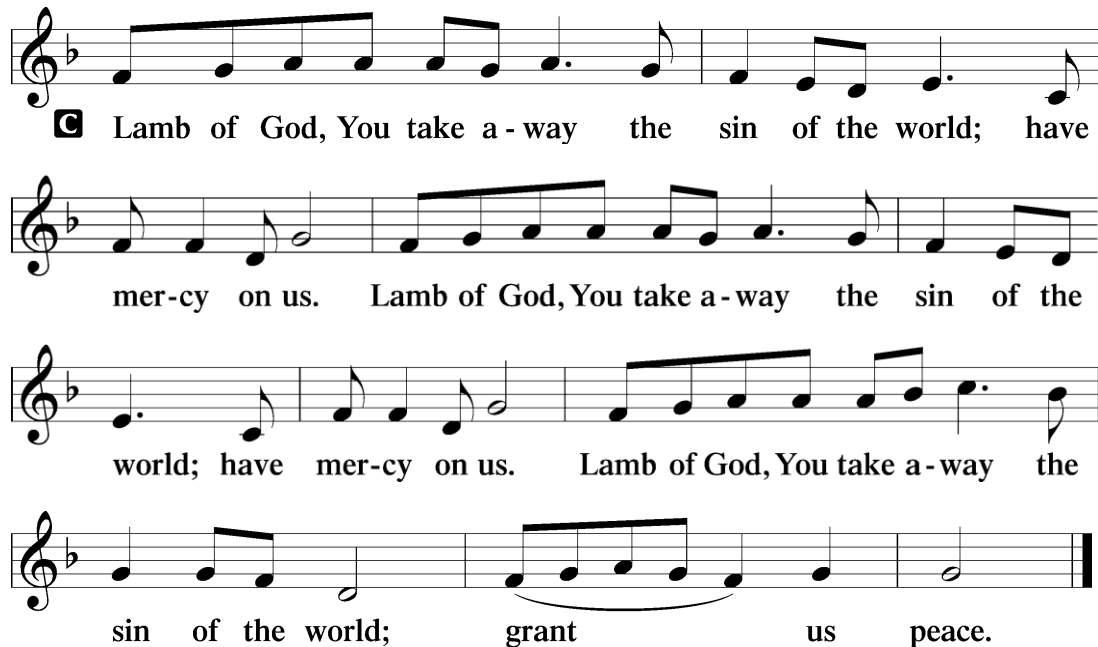
LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



(Be seated)



DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

(at 10:30 service, Choir sings verse 4)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent; Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Tune: Davids Psalmen, 1684, Amsterdam

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1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!

4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
 With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
 Alleluia!
5. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!
6. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!
7. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

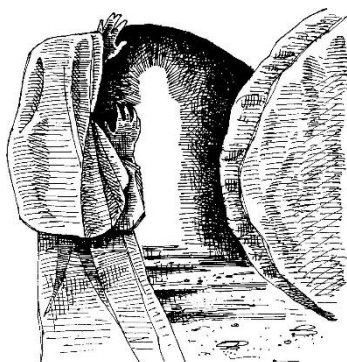
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you with unexpected joy and gladness and keep you in His grace.
The Lord look on you, showering you with His great love
The Lord look on you with favor to promise you resurrection T and eternity with Him.

C **Amen.**



Christ Is Risen!
CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

HYMN TO DEPART

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525 sts. 1, 4–5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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SILENT PRAYER, PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



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Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering

Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman

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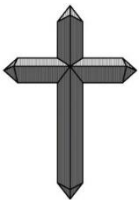
Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

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The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Nikki Chouinard in remembrance of her mother's birthday & her parents anniversary.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Carolyn Strelau in remembrance of her husband Richard's birthday (4/19).
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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Elders on Duty	David Aiken, Fred Spier
Communion Assistant	Rev. Michael Mueller
Greeters/Ushers	Dorothy Christman, Kay Helgersen
Altar Servers	Donna Leach, Lori Nelson
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Kay Helgersen, Luke Stolarczyk



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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Marea	Daughter of Georgia Narsavage; recovery & healing
The Gusbar Family	Family of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; peace, strength
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Bruce Kirkland	Healing & recovery
The family of Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; peace & strength
Peter Narsavage	Strength & healing
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
The family of Sam Sayers	Friends of LCC; peace & understanding, closure
Ronna Trueman	Recovery & strength
John Vogel	Strength & healing
Ken & Mary Werring	Recovery & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Tom Druin	Friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Todd Kietz	Battling cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Lisa Sayers	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Tracy Shattuck	Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
Carmen Torres	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
Lori Truelove	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace

Connie Warner
Michael Woodruff

Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
USAF Sr. Airman

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Shawn Golembieski
US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
USAF SrA Riley Latarski
Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
US Army PFC Parker Woodruff

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort Bragg

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

Week Of: 04/13/2025			
On-Site Attendance		Weekly Contributions	
54 / 142		Income:	\$ 10,733
		Expense:	\$ 11,170



You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way.
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Thurs-Apr 24	4:30pm	Joyful Ringers End of Season Clean Up & Party (FMC)
	5:45pm	Vocal Choir End of Season Party (FMC)
Thurs-May 1	10:00am	Bible Study: Lost Books? (FMC)
Sat-May 3	10:00am	Bird House Buddy Event (Prayer Park)
		Memorial Visitation – Kasch (Sanctuary)
	11:00am	Memorial Service: Kasch (Sanctuary)
Thurs-May 8	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
		Shepherding Leaders Meeting (FMC)
Wed-May 14	3:30pm	Board of Elders Meeting (OFH)
Thurs-May 15	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
Tues-May 20	6:00pm	Church Council Meeting (OFH)
Mon-May 26		<i>Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day</i>

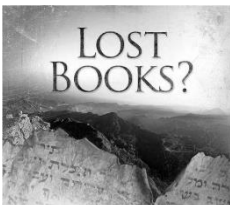
WEEKLY RE-OCCURING CAMPUS EVENTS:

- ✠ **AA Meetings:** Meets weekly in the FMC @ 7:00pm
Monday (Women Only)
Tuesday & Wednesday (Open to all)
- ✠ **Bible Study: Lost Books?** Begins May 1st @ 10:00am in the FMC
- ✠ **Christian Education & Fellowship:** Every Sunday in the FMC @ 9:00am
- ✠ **LCC Garden Committee:** Meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Park @ 9:30am
- ✠ **Raise Right Fundraising Team:** Meets every Sunday in the FMC
Operates at 8:30am & following the 10:30am services
- ✠ **SON-Seekers Bible Study:** Meets every Monday in the FMC @ 11:30am

COME OUT AND BE A BIRD HOUSE BUDDY!



On Saturday May 3rd at 10:00am we invite LCC members young and old to partake in our Prayer Park's Bird House Buddy Event. The Garden Committee is asking for you to build Birdhouses to adorn our lovely prayer park garden area. They ask that you bring a birdhouse kit to be built and the Garden Committee will be supplying the glue as well as water for this event. We will be working outside so sunscreen and hats are suggested. If you have any questions about this event—please reach out to Rosemary Kraning at 941-380-6371 or Ruth Albert @ 941-286-8813



Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? Can we be sure the correct texts made it into the Bible? Since God never sent us a specific list of what to include, who exactly decided the Bible should contain the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but not the Gospels of Judas, Thomas and Mary? Is there any truth to the charge that a Roman emperor in the fourth century orchestrated the list of books that we have in the Bible? In *Lost Books?* we will explore these questions with help of Dr. Paul Maier, Dr. Randall Price, Dr. Jeffrey Kloha and Bible Museum curator Joel Lampe. Join us on Thursdays May 1, 8, 15, & 22nd to explore this topic at 10 AM in the FMC.

Easter Lilies Given to the Glory of God

Jim & Margaret Andrews

Nancy Bird

Clint Cannon

Nancy Carter

Bill & Diana Chesen (2)

Don & Nancy Creola

Jim & Jane De Groot

Dave & Geri Diener

Robin Dym

Bob & Barb Hilgendorf

Mark Keck

Rosemary Kraning

RoseMarie McCormick

Peter & Georgia Narsavage

Dolly Petrin

Chris & Rebecca Remberg (2)

Scott & Rene Riley (2)

Schlotzhauer

Ron & Carol Scheff

Dan & Pam Specht

Fred & Joyce Spier (5)

Cliff Stratton & Nikki Chouinard (4)

Bert & Marcia Strefling (2)

Joel & Mary Beth Ward

Evelyn Wegner

In memory of their parents & grandparents

In memory of husband, Tom

In memory of Marilyn Cannon

In memory of Ann LaFave & Lois Kooistra

In memory of their parents & in honor of Jeanette Brunell

To the Glory of God

To the Glory of God

In memory of family & friends

In memory of William & Doris Deubel

In memory of Kelly Kalp

In memory of Walter & Pat Keck

In memory of Herb Kraning

In memory of Ron McCormick

In memory of Roberts / Narsavage families

In memory of Pinky Petrin

In honor of children; Ameila & Wyatt & in memory of
parents; Ron McCormick & Julie Remberg

In memory of Jackie Rullman & Carl & Bobbie

In memory of their late parents

In memory of Kristy Specht

To the Glory of God

To the Glory of God in memory of
their sainted parents and Esther Davis & Becky Ecklund

In memory of their parents;

Charles & Betty Albertson - Clarence & Viola Strefling

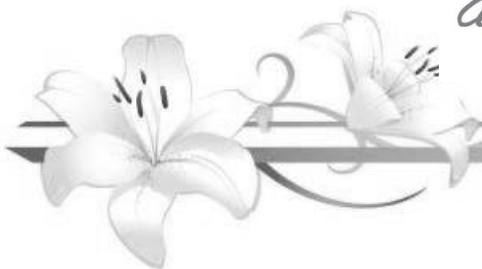
In memory of their parents & David

In memory of Darold Wegner



*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*

JOHN 11:25



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

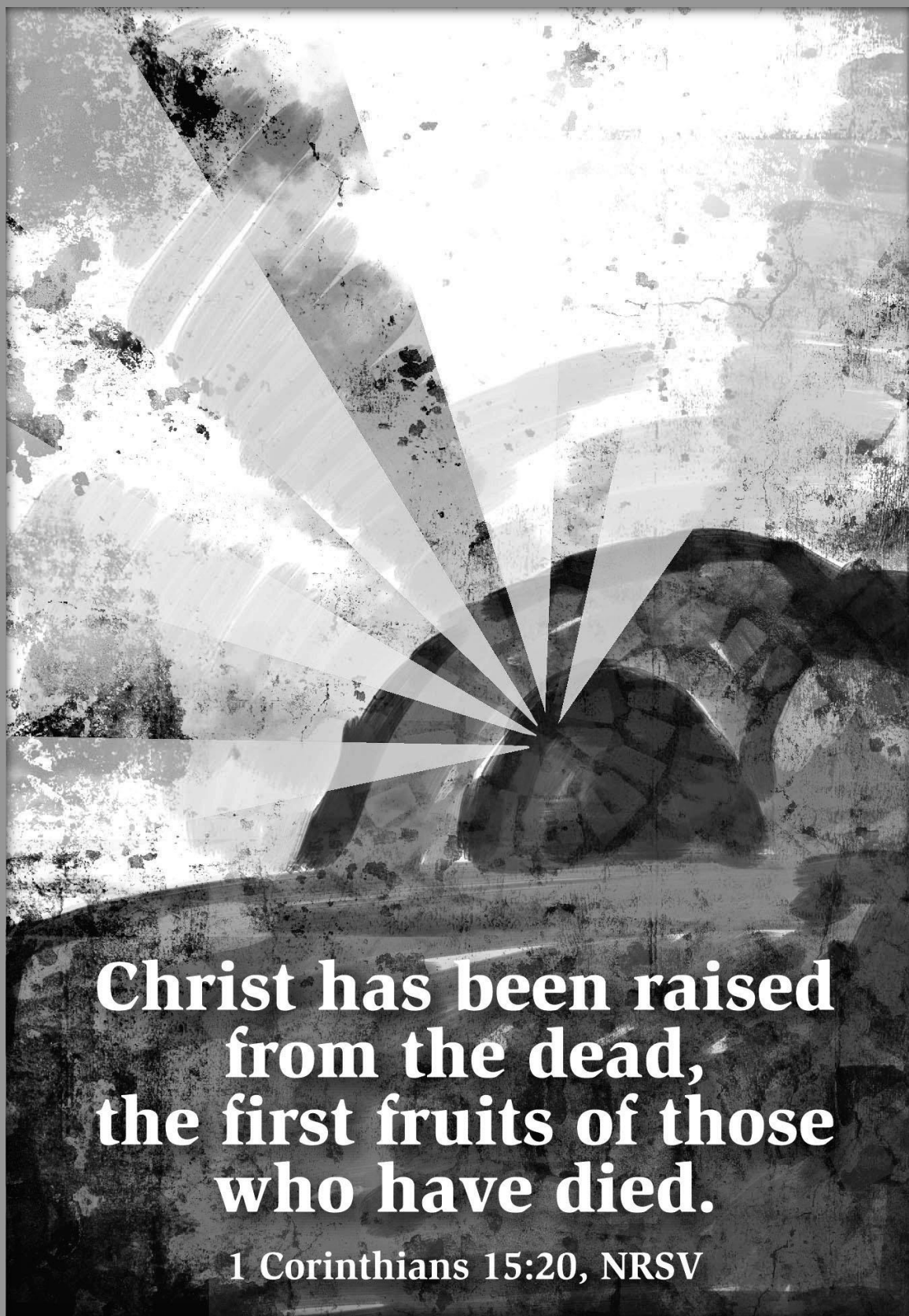
Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



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**Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV