



Lutheran Church of the  
**Redeemer**

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**Easter Sunday**

**April 5, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**



**Ringing of the Bell (7x)**

**Handbell Prelude**

P: Christ is risen!

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

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please stand as able.*

**Easter Litany (based on Psalm 118)**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Give thanks to the Lord for his is good.

**C: His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

**C: The Lord has become my salvation.**

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.**

P: I shall not die, but live,

**C: And declare the works of the Lord.**

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: Christ is risen!

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

**Gathering Hymn #151 (green hymnal)**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

## **Greeting**

P: The grace of our Risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, by your son's glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death and have redeemed us forever. Raise us each day to new life in Christ, that we may follow in his ways of love, mercy and grace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If 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 the things that are above, not

on the 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*(after the reading)*

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew (28:1-10)

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, 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> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, 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 and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*(after the reading)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Processional** (green hymnal, pg. 62)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Please be seated.*

## **Easter Message**

*(time for reflection)*

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day #671** (blue hymnal)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

## **The Nicene Creed**

P: God has made us his children through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 the People**

*Each petition ends:*

A: Risen Lord,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem**

*Christ Is Risen, Alleluia*

(Albrecht & Althouse)

*Please stand as able.*

## **Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May we offer ourselves as gifts to be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (green #165, vs 1)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for

you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(to be sung)*

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: The resurrected Christ makes himself known to us in the sharing of this meal; therefore, let us keep the feast.

*Please be seated.*

**Communion is around the altar.** *All are invited to God's holy table where Christ has promised to be present offering eternal love and forgiveness. Children may come forward for communion or a blessing. We will bring communion to you if that is helpful. God is fully present in either the bread or wine alone, so feel free to just take one or the other if you prefer.*

### **Communion Hymns**

**#390** (green hymnal)

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**#699** (blue hymnal)

*Blessed Assurance*

**#235** (green hymnal)

*Break Now the Bread of Life*

**#677** (blue hymnal)

*Alleluia Canon*

*Please stand as able.*

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith and keep you in his grace today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P: Now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. In the name of the ✝ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #673** (blue hymnal)

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

## **Dismissal**

A: Christ is risen!

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

A: Go into the world and proclaim the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

***Offering of Financial Gifts*** *It is our faithful giving that enables the mission and ministries of this congregation to continue. A basket is located by the font for your offering. Thank you!*

**Happy Easter to all, and a huge THANK YOU from the staff to so many of our volunteers who worked many hours at the church to help make our Holy Week and Easter so meaningful. Our choirs and Director of Music Ministries, Darlene Cluff, altar guild members, Dirty Hands, office volunteers, our men's group, and many others put in lots of extra volunteer hours this time of year, and it does not go unnoticed. We are grateful for all of you!**

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## **WELCOME TO REDEEMER!**

**Visitors:** We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. If this is your first visit, please pick up a visitor's packet from one of the tables in the narthex, and we hope you worship with us again.

**EASTER LILLIES** We want to thank everyone that ordered Easter lilies. The honorarium and memoriam insert appears in this Easter Service bulletin.

**WELCA** The WELCA Southwestern District Spring Gathering is April 18 at St. Paul's Lutheran on Hardin Road in Dallas, NC. Cost is \$10 for registration and brunch (deadline to signup is April 10). The program planned, "We Ride for Her," is based on one woman's search for her sister who is part of countless indigenous women and children who have been designated missing and murdered women, particularly in the US and Canada. A film written, produced, and directed by Prairie Rose Seminole will be shown, who will guide the group through the documentary. She is part of three affiliated tribes, most notably to us Northern Cheyenne. WELCA's next meeting is Monday, April 13, at 6:15 p.m. Carolyn McGinnis will lead the program based on selected Women of the Bible and Peggy Long will serve as hostess. The month of May will be "Girls Night Out to eat." Time and place to be determined. If you are interested in joining WELCA, or going on the April 18th trip, please contact me Marguerite Taylor at [sallepooh@aol.com](mailto:sallepooh@aol.com).

**REDEEMER SEAMERS** The Seamers will meet Saturday, March 28, and April 11 & 25 at 10 a.m. Contact Dianne Marler at [marlerdianne5@gmail.com](mailto:marlerdianne5@gmail.com) for more information.

**THE LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION [L.M.M.]** will meet for breakfast on April 19 at 7:30 a.m. and will meet on the third Sunday each month. If you're interested in joining, contact Steve Keeble at [keebleconstrux@gmail.com](mailto:keebleconstrux@gmail.com).

**LUTHERIDGE / LUTHEROCK CAMP** It is time to plan for camp! Lutheridge and Lutherock have great programs for all ages and all types including a half-week "Grandparents Camp!" Partial scholarships are available through the Bobby McCain Fund at Redeemer. Please see Pastor Jeff if you have questions and/or visit [novusway.org](http://novusway.org).

**REMINDER TO ALL:** *Please wear your name tags. If you don't see yours on the trays in the narthex, please contact the church office.*