



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

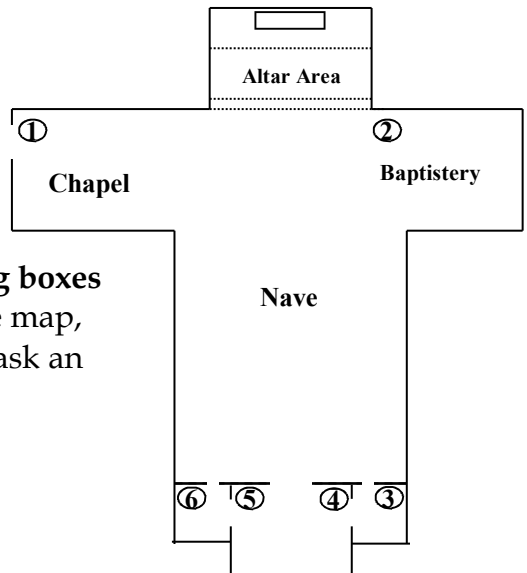
Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin + April 5, 2026 A.D.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Ruth Hochberger in loving memory of Jack who would have celebrated his 100th birthday on April 9th.
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To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.



PRELUDES

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands, BWV 625”

... Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

“Pièce héroïque ”

... Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

arr. Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

... LSB #457

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*Just as
Christ's suf-
fering is our
just dessert
and Christ's
death our life,
so also is
Christ's res-
urrection our
resurrection.
~ Johann
Gerhard,
1600s
A.D., "On
the Holy
Feast of
Easter 1"*

You are united with the living Christ, one with Him over whom sin has not a shred of authority. Christ is risen, so the stone is rolled away. Christ is risen, so sin is conquered and death destroyed. Tell me there is nothing, and can be nothing more glorious than Paul's declaration that "Jesus Christ has abolished death" (1 Tim. 1:10). Death, this terrible reality, death – is abolished, so it is no more! . . .

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

... Alleluia!
If only we could shout the victory cry so that it is heard over all the earth! Truly, death is abolished, death for us and death in us! We are saved from the greatest of all terrors, for we are members of the Body of Him who died and rose again, completely one with Him, both in His death and in His resurrection. Our faith is still so weak, but it is firmly grounded in God's Word and therefore it is stronger than all the gates of hell.
~ Nils Jakob Laache,
Book of Family Prayer,
1889 A.D.

God's word is not like one of the mileposts or road signs which we often see at the crossroads for the information of travelers. It does not merely show men a way which they must seek to follow as best they can. Nor does it have only the persuasive power which every eloquent word may have to move us. But there is in this word a supernatural power which is inseparably connected with it, since the Holy Ghost speaks through it . . .

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 16*

L: Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.

C: I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you."

L: As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.

C: The sorrows of those who run after another god
shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.

L: The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*,
you | hold my lot.

C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

L: I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*,
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

C: I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*,
my flesh also | dwells secure.

C: For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

L: You make known to me the | path of life;*,
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

... so that the power and work of the Spirit and of the word are identical, and it brings light and strength into the heart in which the word is given room ... For the word does not only give us direction and information about a spiritual blessing, a salvation, which we must try to find elsewhere. It has within itself this blessing, this salvation. It brings it to us. The Gospel in word and sacrament is a letter and a certificate, a document from God's own mouth and hand.

*~ Pastor
U. V. Koren,
1890 A.D.*

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn toward the Holy Scriptures as they are carried into the midst of the congregation.

VERSE "Be Not Afraid" ... Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le -
lu - ia! Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat as led by the Choir.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go

and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

VERSE

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le -
 lu - ia! Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy!
 Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat as led by the Choir.

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

This young man was an angel of the Lord, who appeared in the form of a young man because the holy angels never age; rather, at all times they remain in fresh bloom and complete vigor as a human being does in his youth. This angel also appeared in a long white garment, which was a symbol of heaven's clarity, just like the heavenly clarity of the happy news which he announced to the women.
 ~ Johann Gerhard, 1600s A.D., "On Holy Easter Day II"

The church is universal or catholic because God invites all people to enter it and because it is to be found throughout the world wherever the Gospel is preached.

The church is apostolic since it is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone.

The church is the only saving church, for it is only by faith in Christ as the Savior that people enter heaven.

~ Gaylin R. Schmeling,
Bread of Life from Heaven

**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 catholic 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.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

... LSB #458

SERMON “God’s Iron Pen”

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY

“The Strife is O’er”

... Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1524-1594)

*Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst;
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

– 17th century Latin hymn
tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

OFFERTORY

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

... LSB #465

Please stand.

During the 50 days of Easter, we stand for prayers rather than kneel, as a way of confessing with our very posture that we “stand with Christ before the Father” in His utter grace and favor, forgiveness and salvation, for the sake of Him who died for us.

Jesus not only provides the way to the home He has prepared: He also is the way. But how is He the way and how does He "prepare a place" for us? This is the marvel before which we will bow in adoration to all eternity. Theologians call it "the blessed exchange." He prepared a way for us to come home and stay there forever by fully entering into the exile and loneliness away from Him that we chose . . .

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: **in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

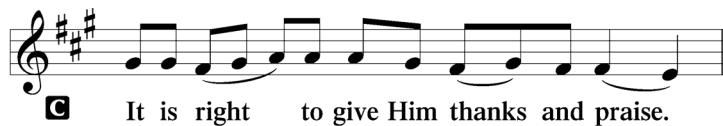
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

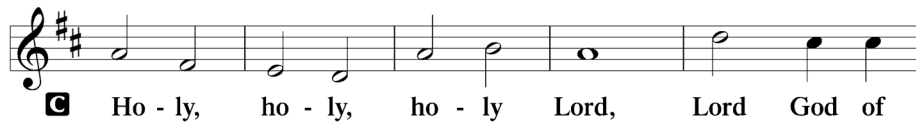


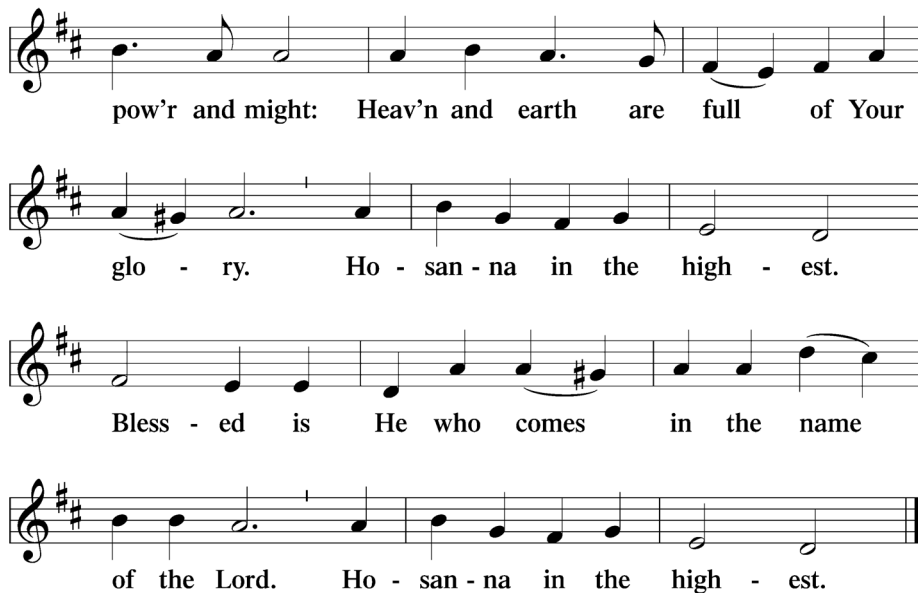
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")





pow'r and 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.

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 the 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 the 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

... He will go into the darkness and fill it with His very own light. He will enter into our death and pour into it His own divine life, destroying death from the inside out. When the Christian thinks of death daily, he or she also remembers this above all: that Jesus entered into death for us to knock a hole through death's stinking gullet and to open the way back to the home ...

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... Because this is so, the Christian daily think of death in order to learn to think of it as a defeated foe. If through Christ, the way home has already been opened, then death itself has been truly robbed of its sting. The cessation of breathing that awaits all of us except the final generation who will be alive at Christ's glorious return has been thus transformed.
~ William Weedon,
Thank,
Praise,
Serve,
Obey: Recover the joys of Piety

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. You may receive the holy Blood from an individual cup or the chalice. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest to ask for a blessing.

Our Lord gives His holy Body and Blood to those who are baptized in order to strengthen their union with Him and with the Church. He therefore invites to this Supper those who 1) are baptized, 2) trust that they eat His body and drink His blood, and 3) desire to set aside all divisions between themselves, God, and His Church.

VOLUNTARY

“Carol of the Exodus” ... G.H. Woodward (1848-1934)

*Moses sing unto Christ, thy King, who hath won the victory.
And hath laid low haughty Pharaoh underneath the deep Red Sea.
Yea, merry, merry, merry, merry, merry, merry may we be,
As bird upon the berry of the may or cherry tree,
While as we stand with harp in hand on the shore of the Red, Red Sea.*

*God perforce overthrew the horse, ride, car, and axletree.
They sank as lead, and their men lie dead, dead as stone; so mote it be!
Then merry, merry, merry, merry, merry may we be,
As bird upon the berry of the may or cherry tree,
While as we stand with harp in hand on the shore of the Red, Red Sea.*

*His right hand and his staff's command did divide, at his decree,
The surging wave, and thereby did save us and ours from slavery.*

*Thou didst blow, and entomb our foe in the bottom of the sea:
And if dry shod we went o'er by God, be ascribed the praise to Thee!*

— Traditional English Carol

**A Prayer
as You Go**
Lord of
heaven and
earth, You
have gifted
us Your
kingdom,
the everlast-
ing City of
God. As we
have been
conquered
by Your
great love
and mercy
found in
Christ Jesus
and made
citizens of
Zion, may
the light of
your City be
reflected in
our lives
this week,
that others
may seek
and desire
to be citi-
zens of the
same City of
God too. In
Jesus' holy
name I pray.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" ... LSB #475
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia" ... LSB #463
"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" ... LSB #467

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-
taste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's
body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our
days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, to-
gether with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the
Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" ... LSB #461

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in F major” ... Vincent Lübeck (1684-1755)

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
(*Pr. Folz to Bethany at 10:30 am*)

Organist: Kantor Jacob Drengler

Musicians: Chad Premeau (*Trumpet*), Mary Premeau (*Timpani*), Matt Rueth
(*Trumpet*), Andy Slembariski (*Horn*), Frank Slembariski (*Trombone*)

Choir: The Zion Kantorei

Radio: Ryan Fernstaedt (9:00)

Lectors: Landis Holdorf (9:00)
Craig Bergendorf (11:00)

Acolytes: Ethan Loppnow, Trevor Kell, Tyler Pagel (9:00)
Sarah Gjerde (11:00)

Communion: Sally Christoffersen, Lois Jarosz (9:00)
Jake Schneider (11:00)

Elder: Julie Fernstaedt (9:00)
Nathan Conachen (11:00)

Ushers: Amy Meyer, Brant Meyer, Jessica Pagel, Tyler Pagel (9:00)

Altar Guild: Janet Dettmering, Pam Hoppe

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