



*Saint Michael's Lutheran Church  
Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026*



## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### ELW setting 3

April 5, 2026

10:00 AM

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#### **PRELUDE**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Transitional Tansanian

Arr. by Robert Buckley Farlee

Mark Goldenberg, *trumpet*, Kenneth Fitter, *trombone*, Alla Borzova, *organ*

#### \* GREETING

Pastor Mark: He is risen.

Congregation: **He is risen indeed.**

*Congregation enters as hymn is being sung.*

#### **GATHERING**

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

**And also with you.**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



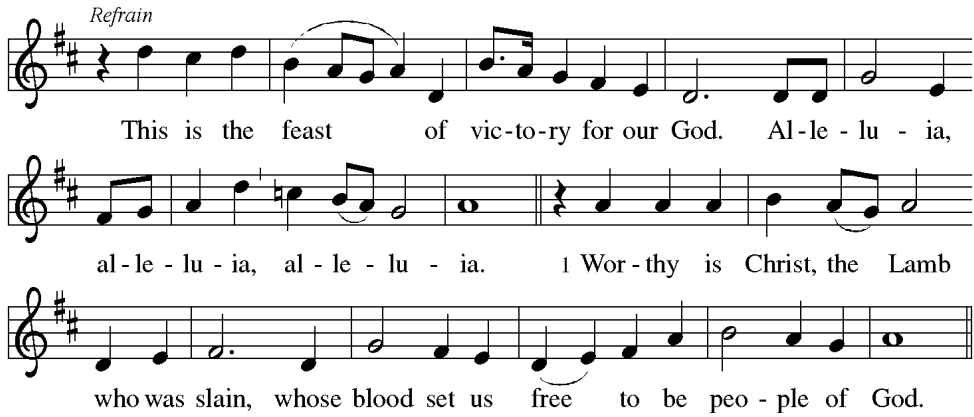
who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**     *Hail the Day that sees Him Rise*             Arr. by Victor C Johnson

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739

Tune: **LLANFAIR** by Robert Williams (1817)

*Anya Fidelia, soprano descant, Senior Choir, Mark Goldenberg, trumpet,  
Kenneth Fitter, trombone, Alla Borzova, organ*

## WORD

LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

**P**eter 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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

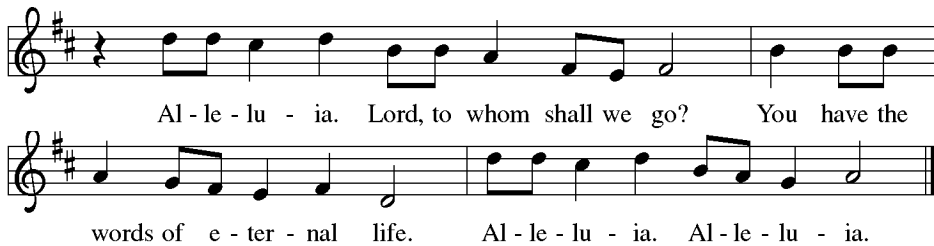
PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*sung responsively*



- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**
- <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord. R**
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**
- <sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation. R**
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> **By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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.

**\* HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**A**fter 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.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Pastor Mark Grorud

\*HYMN #376

THINE IS THE GLORY

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with one of these responses:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

(The prayers conclude:)

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless we the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## **\* PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Acclamation for Easter*

Word and Music by Jon Paige

**MEAL**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

\* PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\* PREFACE FOR EASTER

**\* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SOLO**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F.Handel  
(from *Messiah*)

Anya Fidelia, *soprano*, Alla Borzova, *organ*

**\* BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## \* HYMN #619

## I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

VS. 1-4, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

<sup>8</sup> He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Sviar, stil lthe same;  
 What joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## \* DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*This Joyful Eastertide*

VRUECHTEN; Dutch, 17th Century

Arr. by Robert Buckley Farlee

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## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Prayer Request books can be found at each entryway. Requests written in the Prayer books will be included in today's prayers; someone is added to the Prayer List by a note to Pastor or the church office, and will run for **four consecutive Sundays**. Requests may be renewed.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week including Ken D'Arinzo (April 13), Linda Kopp (April 15), Esme Laubscher (April 15) and Elaine Utley (April 17).

**CARE AND HEALING:** Elaine Bakios, Heather Bakios, Stephen Bakios, Ken Bielemeier, Joe Boehm, Shari Bruner, Robert Carpenter, Angela Castillo, Rosanna Dumbus, Althea Ericsson, Eric Ericsson, Phil Evensen, Jill Ferenc, Michael Guhl, April Gurciullo, Rita Hausdorff, Jack Koch, Mark Kramm, Riley Johansen, Liam Ledbetter-Dunn, Pam Lowell, Baylor (Boomer) Manchuck, Claire Miethke, Richard Miller Jr., Judy Mirczak, Ann Moores, Jim Moores, Benton Morse, Doris Ann Peter, Joey Peter, Jan and Harv Weitzel, and Jen Wolfe.

**MISSION PARTNERS:** in the Gulf States, Martin Luther Church, (ELCA) Mobile, Alabama, and our NEW ENGLAND SYNOD PARTNERS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Palestine and the Holy Land, and the Lutheran church in Honduras

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We recently announced a new way to sign up for worship assistant assignments. Go to the weekly newsletter under Worship Assistants – We Need Your Help and sign up. If you need some instruction for some of the roles, please reach out to the office and we will make sure it happens. Thank you.

## **Indoor Worship Protocol**

We are still careful of one another's health in the post Covid time and encourage you to keep following safe protocols.

St. Michael's Lutheran Church Weekly News

**April 5 - April 11**

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**ONLINE? KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...**

Please use **#stmichaelsnewcanaan** as your hashtag on social media during the week. **“Like”** our Facebook Page: St. Michael's Lutheran Church, New Canaan, CT.

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**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Please use the offering envelopes in the pew rack if you make a cash donation, and write your name on the front of the envelope. This allows us to ensure we are keeping track of members' cash contributions placed in the offering plate without their numbered envelope.

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**COMMUNION CARDS:** To remain on the active member voting list you must submit at least one communion card per year and one financial contribution per year. If you have not filled out a communion card yet this year, please do so soon. They are located in the pew card holder and you can just drop it in the offering plate on your way up to communion.

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**DEADLINE FOR WEDNESDAY'S CONSTANT CONTACT EMAIL**

The deadline for submissions for the weekly constant contact email is Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Any submissions received after the deadline will appear in the following week's CC email.

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**42 IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**This Week: April 5 - April 12**

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**Next Sunday, April 12**

9:00 am & 11:15 am Choir Practice

9:00 am Confirmation Class

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Cookies & Conversation

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**For pastoral services**, Pastor Grorud can be reached at (402) 620-8032 or via his **new** email address **mgorud@gmail.com**. He is in the church office Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**Need access to the church?** Please plan on coming during office hours: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.



## Easter Lilies

We offer to you, O risen Savior, our highest tribute and praise! We adorn your holy church in honor of family, in thanksgiving for happy occasions, and in memory of those who have attained life with you forever.

### **In loving memory of:**

Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Himmelright  
by Anne Himmelright

Marilyn Brown  
by Cynthia Brown

Will Perez, Patricia & Bernard Bellows  
by Nancy Perez

George D Utley II, Lewis & Elizabeth Utley, Matthew & Marie Weigand  
by Elaine Utley

Christen Joseph Grorud  
by Pastor Mark & Caryl Grorud

Hugo Hollinger  
by Ingrid Hollinger

Ceilia Coleman, Mark Hansen  
by Diana Van Dam

David Dowling  
by Catherine Downing

Helen & James White, Rose & Pat DeGennaro  
by Laura & Tom White

Peter Knock  
by Norma & Jeff Gerwig

Cooper & Casey  
by The Ancker Family

**In honor of:**

Loved Ones and to the Glory of God  
by Melba Grieshaber

## SERVING TODAY

Greeters  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Counters  
Fellowship Hour  
Interim Pastor  
Director of Music

Karla Carpenter, Ingrid Hollinger  
Kyle Runestad  
Luke Scully  
Nancy Reichart  
Ingrid Hollinger  
Norma Gerwig, Melba Grieshaber  
Pastor Mark Grorud  
Dr. Alla Borzova

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Counters  
Fellowship Hour  
Interim Pastor  
Director of Music

Lisa Ferraro  
Roger Heine  
Diana Van Dam  
Diana Van Dam  
Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine  
Diana Van Dam  
Pastor Mark Grorud  
Dr. Alla Borzova

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