



resurrection
REALity



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IN THE NAME OF JESUS

THE THEME OF OUR WORSHIP:

Resurrection REALity: the living Lord gives proof and peace. In most world religions...a self-proclaimed prophet would allege he alone had some special encounter with God. The resurrection reality is so very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs...a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship on this morning. At Risen Savior, you will find a worship service designed to praise God and increase people's faith. While all styles of worship take some getting used to, we hope you will find that the *main message*—the unconditional love Jesus has for us—comes through clearly.

- ◆ **Connect cards** are available to you in this worship booklet and in the comment/chat box of whatever stream you are using. You may also directly fill out a [digital Connect Card](#). Please take a brief moment to let us know that you have worshipped with us this morning.

PARTICIPATE. Many parts of our worship service are interactive. If you have downloaded the service folder to guide your worship, feel free to participate and sing along. There are also times in the service when Pastor and congregation speak back and forth. Please join together as you feel comfortable.

PARAMENTS. In Lutheran churches you often see *paraments*...the colored cloths with symbols on them. These change with the church seasons and celebrations as a visual reminder of what we are celebrating in our worship. White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the "great fifty days" of Easter is "*though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.*" Christ's triumph from the grave on his day of resurrection is the cause for your rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes your purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

PERSONAL CONVENIENCES. For your convenience, restrooms are located down the hall opposite the entrance into the sanctuary...feel free to ask for directions. Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate mode so as not to disrupt others during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

To help you focus while you join us for worship, take the time to eliminate as many distractions around you as possible. While we share the promises of God's Word with you, we encourage you to create community. Use the comment and chat areas to let others know you are worshipping with them. We may be separated by in-person or livestream worship, but we can connect with each other here for Christian support and encouragement.

WORSHIP NOTES

THE SEASON OF EASTER

Easter is the pinnacle of the Church Year...the oldest festival and season celebrated by the worshipping Church. For a full week-of-weeks (49 days) the Church celebrates the resurrection of Christ on the Sundays of Easter which culminate on the 50th day, Pentecost.

The days between Easter and Pentecost are the most joyful of the year. You see it in what the Sundays are called. Normally, when there is a major festival in the Church Year...the succeeding Sundays are called *Sundays after* or *Sundays in*. For example, when you celebrate Pentecost, you will then have *First Sunday after Pentecost*, *Second Sunday after Pentecost*, and so on. But during Easter, you call it the *Second Sunday of Easter*, *Third Sunday of Easter*, etc. That's because the Sundays that follow Easter are meant to be subsequent celebrations of what began on Easter Sunday...recapturing the joy and hope

of that great day. The greatest theologian of the early Church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"...seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. It was considered one long celebration. The large *paschal candle*...positioned near the altar...symbolizes the resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. It further emphasizes the link between baptism and the resurrection (Romans 6:3-5). The *paschal candle* as a symbol of the resurrection, remains lit throughout the Easter season...and is also lit at all baptisms and at all funerals.

St. Paul writes, "Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: *Indeed!* Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be...the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. So...the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future...but the way we look at life now.



EASERTIME

RESURRECTION REALITY

Easter Sunday	March 31	<i>Life Worth Living</i>
2 nd Sunday of Easter	April 7	<i>The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace</i>
3 rd Sunday of Easter	April 14	<i>A Meaningful Message to Share</i>
4 th Sunday of Easter (<i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>)	April 21	<i>Providing Good Shepherding</i>
5 th Sunday of Easter	April 28	<i>Producing Active Faith</i>
6 th Sunday of Easter	May 5	<i>Jesus' Business is Love...So Is Ours</i>
7 th Sunday of Easter (<i>Ascension</i>)	May 12	<i>Christ Is Closer than Ever</i>

THE
ORDER *of* WORSHIP
DIVINE SERVICE

The *Divine Service* is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church where the Lord serves the Church with his Word and Sacrament.

OPENING HYMN

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE | 449

INVOCATION

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,
today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.
Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise,
in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: F
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE

CONFESSION OF SINS

As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

Lord God, I humbly come before you.

I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed.

I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid.

Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

**I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ,
you will have mercy on me.**

ABSOLUTION OF SINS

“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gives to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners” (*The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?*).—John 20:21-23

Upon this, your sincere confession,
by Christ’s command and authority,
I assure you that your sins are all forgiven.

The vacant cross and the empty grave are God’s signs to you
that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son.
Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

Amen!

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**OR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
YE RISE AS WELL .** 

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation joins to sing...

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY

This song is based on Revelation 5. The congregation is invited to begin with the refrain...singing it after each verse...and singing the final refrain.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. Refrain
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: v. 4
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. Refrain
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia! Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

THE WORD

SALUTATION

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O risen Lord,
you came to your disciples
and took away their fears
with your word of peace.
Come to us also
by your Word and sacrament,
and banish our fears
with the comforting assurance
of your abiding presence;
for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**



FIRST READING

ACTS 18:1-11

Paul's missionary tour of Macedonia and Greece had not been an unequivocal success...humanly speaking. Violence or threat of violence forced him to leave Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea after relatively short stays. The open-minded Athenians were less hostile but more derisive. One could forgive Paul if he approached Corinth with some hesitation. We should not be surprised when our gospel preaching inspires violent rejection or the questioning of our intelligence. The now familiar pattern repeated itself. Some majority of those who belonged to the synagogue in Corinth turned against Paul and his message. They set themselves against the apostle. They "*became abusive*" or blasphemed...not only against Paul's person but also the message and the Christ whom he preached. If Paul was finding his work in Corinth discouraging...the resurrected Lord came to give him peace. Paul had many reasons for fear, past attempts on his life and his recent rejection at the synagogue among them. We too have experienced or witnessed unfriendly, uncomfortable, or unpleasant reactions to Christian teaching. Jesus provides reason to take courage. Telling others is the mission on which Jesus has sent us...and he himself stands behind it. It is hard for a convinced Christian to keep his mouth shut (Jeremiah 20:9; Luke 6:45; Acts 4:20). "*I am with you...*" (Matthew 28:20). The living Lord Jesus is our constant companion in our life of faith and witness. That gives peace.

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 16

The Church sings this psalm in services which celebrate what the resurrection of Jesus Christ makes his people. Peter (Acts 2:25-32) and Paul (Acts 13:35) both quote the psalm as a reference to Jesus.

Refrain

Refrain

Refrain



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;



in your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

Faithful God, I look to you.
You alone are my life and fortune,
never shall I look to other gods,
you shall be my one hope.

Refrain

From of old you are my heritage,
you my wisdom and my safety,
through the night you speak within my heart,
silently you teach me.

Refrain

So my heart shall sing for joy,
in your arms I rest securely,
you will not abandon me to death,
you shall not desert me.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

If the first 11 verses of 1 Corinthians 15 provide an inventory of historical evidence and witness for Jesus' resurrection...this reading gives us a logical defense of its place in the Christian faith. Paul provides two sets of deductions pointing out the problem with denying the resurrection from the dead...a position apparently taken by some members of the congregation in Corinth. We sense the relevance for our own time in which the historical fact of the resurrection is denied even by some who identify themselves as Christians and with it the essential place Christ's bodily resurrection holds in the Christian confession. With his question "*How can some of you say...?*" (verse 12), Paul expresses surprise that Christians can deny that the dead will rise. This completely contradicts the preaching that Christ has been raised. If they deny the resurrection...there is no doubt to the conclusions that will follow. Through the sad picture Paul paints of the Christianity without the resurrection, he demonstrates that into the darkness light will break with proof and peace. The final verse highlights the proof our Savior's resurrection gives: "*Christ has indeed been raised from the dead*" (verse 20). This answers all the concerns outlined in the reasoned deductions. He is the "*firstfruits*" (Leviticus 23:10) of those who rise...the certain promise of a great harvest to follow.

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor will sing the refrain and the verse...the assembly may join in the final refrain.

Refrain

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first phrase, 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.', with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff contains the melody for the second phrase, 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.', also with lyrics below. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs.

Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed.—*John 20:29*

Refrain



GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The risen Savior gives peace. This truth is a gift for all live in this world where peace seems so distant. From the world scene to national politics, from community strife to family struggles and personal stress...peace is hard to find. Throughout this reading...Jesus gives peace. In the upper room, fear reigned in the hearts of the disciples. The doors were locked, fearful people gathered...a situation where it seemed nothing would change because they were locked in. Then Jesus came...bringing peace by his presence. He brought peace with his proofs as he showed them his hands and side. His first words brought it: *"Peace be with you!"* Those weren't just words. Jesus' words had power and an active promise. He sends them as the Father sent him...and he sends them with power. He gives power to forgive sins and retain sins to people who were afraid of their helplessness because their leader and teacher were gone. Consider what that says about their relationship with God. That's peace. In the second half of the reading, we see Jesus give peace where there are doubts: peace to Thomas and peace to us who have wondered. He offers Thomas more visible proof: *"Touch me with your own hands."* Jesus gives confidence to us who haven't seen him with our eyes that peace is ours too. He has given us his Word so that we have eternal peace...knowing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING | **456:1,4-8**

An ancient Christian practice is the Paschal Greeting. Throughout the 50 days of Easter...whenever the pastor says... "*Christ is risen!*" the people respond, "*He is risen indeed!*" Connecting ourselves with the believers who have gone before us, you are asked to join in the Paschal greeting each time you hear "*Christ is risen!*"

SERMON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

"THE LYNCHPIN OF CHRISTIANITY"

THE NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

CONNECT

We would kindly ask everyone to fill out a [Connect Card](#) now. If you are worshipping with us virtually, you may also find a digital Connect Card link in the chat and comment boxes. What will be the “next steps” you can take as a response to the message you have heard today? You can also let us know how we can pray for you or ask for more information on one of the ministries or programs we are offering. Thank you!

OFFERING

If you're visiting today...we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of the service. In fact...we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! This offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering... please feel free to do so.

Giving Options:

- ◆ download the “Church Center” app. Search “Risen Savior Lutheran—Pooler”.
 - ◆ give your gift [online](#).
 - ◆ via text message: text any dollar amount to 84321 to give and follow the text instructions.
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Prayer of the Church is one of the three responses to the Word that worshippers have heard in the readings and sermon. We respond with faith (speaking the Creed), with offerings, and with prayer. In the Prayer of the Church, God's people do the work of priests, making intercession for themselves...for others...and for the world.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times
and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world
and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.
Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven,
we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus...Sanctus means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century...this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the 14th century.—Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation joins to sing:

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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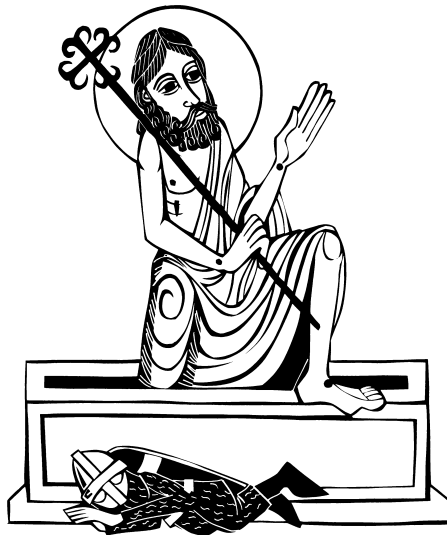
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people.
You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us.
We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin
and redeemed us from its curse and penalty.
He rescued us from the terrors of death
and restored eternal life with you.
He conquered our enemies and gained
for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood,
and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection.
Forgive us our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven.
Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As he speaks the Words of Institution...the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.—Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks, he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Take and eat; this is my body ✠, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying,
“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood ✠ of the new covenant,
which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei... Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation joins to sing:

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is a musical introduction. The second and third staves form the first phrase: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The fourth and fifth staves form the second phrase: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The sixth and seventh staves form the final phrase: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The lyrics are printed below the notes on each staff.

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THE DISTRIBUTION

Through the Apostle Paul Jesus gives specific instructions about this special Supper. He says, *“Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself”*—1 Corinthians 11:27-29. So that this Supper remains a blessing and not a harmful thing to those who partake of it – we feel a loving, God-given responsibility to instruct and train all who wish to receive this Supper prior to their participation. If you haven’t had the chance to receive instruction offered in this congregation or one of our sister congregations in our national church body (Wisconsin Synod), we ask that you speak with Pastor Pechman *before* taking the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Pechman is eager to meet with you. We thank you kindly. And we greatly look forward to celebrating the Lord’s Supper with you.

After the first group of communicants receives the Lord’s Supper...the congregation will join in singing the hymn.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH’S STRONG BANDS | 440

Hymn Appreciation: This famous Easter hymn is painted in rich biblical imagery. It can sing itself into the Christian heart without the aid of a musical vehicle. The scenery is breathtaking – the Paschal Lamb is slain for you...his blood marks your doors...death is swallowed up in victory...Satan is held at bay...the Church celebrates and feasts on the Lord! Without a doubt...Easter turns our sadness into joy.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

And his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste
of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament.

Through this gift you have fed our faith,
nourished our hope, and strengthened our love.

By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people
until that day when you will receive us
as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb,

who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE

IN CHRIST ALONE | **510**

Hymn Appreciation: This powerful hymn declares the whole life of Christ and what it meant. It teaches the foundation of what you believe in Christ...the God who changed all of history. This God wants a strong and vibrant relationship with each of you...in fact, with each person in the world. It neatly summarizes the very message of Jesus' resurrection and the entire season of Easter.

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Announcements

“FOUNDATIONS” CLASS: Our “Foundations of Faith” class is our path to membership here at Risen Savior or for people looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. A new session of this class will begin on Tuesday. Class runs from 6:30-8:00p. Sign up at: www.risensaviorgeorgia.com/foundations-of-faith. Everyone is welcome! You are invited to serve your community by providing childcare for families.

THUNDER GOLF CLASSIC: The Thunder Classic benefitting RSCA will be held at Savannah Quarters on Monday, May 20th. Shotgun start @ 9:00a. Registration is open for golfers, those wanting to attend the awards lunch, and volunteers. For those golfing, you may register as a single or as a golf foursome (preferred) for the tournament. Golfers, your dinner cost is included in the green fee. You can register for the Thunder Classic at: www.risensaviorgeorgia.com/thunder-classic. Here you will find instructions and payment options.

CAMP SOUTH: Camp South convenes July 22nd-26th in Covington, Georgia...Grades 4-8 (rising 9th graders included)...a Survivor-themed camp with multiple challenges daily...cost: \$350. The most fun you’ll have this summer. Incredible activities (tough mudder, zip line, inflatables, massive group competitions), next-level worship, and more new friends than you can count. Registration closes at the end of April.

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITIES: Matching gifts have been designated for both mortgage principal reduction and for RSCA scholarships. These will match every gift given to reduce Risen Savior’s mortgage principal or given to RSCA tuition scholarships...dollar for dollar. These matching gifts will be available until June 2024. Please be encouraged to view these as “*over-and-above-your-regular-offering*” opportunities. Collectively, our regular envelope offerings allow us to take care of our ongoing responsibilities. When making your gift, please mark it according to the area you are giving to. May the Lord bless these gift opportunities as he determines to be best.

SERVING @ RISEN SAVIOR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Snacks</i>	<i>Livestream</i>
Today	Henke	S. Kaye E. Broadnax	S. Douglas	M. Wethington Volunteer	G. Deines
04.14	Aberson	J. Spengler E. Lucas	A. Spengler	S. Smalley volunteer	G. Lucas
04.21	Jensen	J. Wong Z. Hefti	K. Vandenhouten	M. LeBlanc C. Lucas	B. Rife
04.28	Keyes	S. Baehman And. Schmidt	A. Thiesfeldt	W. McCauley J. Thiesfeldt	M. Schultz



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