



# Chapel <sup>of</sup> the Cross

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Service of the Word  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 13, 2026

## **A Special Welcome to Guests**

Welcome to Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church. We are honored to have you here today to receive God's message of love through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you are new to the area and/or are looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family here at Chapel of the Cross. Our mission at Chapel is to teach and preach Jesus Christ, our Savior, because of what He has done for us, namely dying for our sins and rising from the dead to win victory over death. We want to strengthen each other with this truth, as well as proclaim it to all who have yet to hear it. We pray that today's service will strengthen your faith as God speaks His gifts of love, forgiveness, and eternal life to you, and as He moves you to thank and praise Him for these good gifts.

We send a live-stream to our website of our 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday and other special services. We believe that this technology is a wonderful way to reach out to our homebound, to our visitors, and to our world! Recordings of these services are also archived to the website, *chapelstpeters.org*.

## **Attendance**

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## **Prayer Before Worship | Viet Dietrich, 1549**

*Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for your inexpressible grace. For the sake of your Son, you have given us the holy gospel and have instituted the holy sacraments that we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we may heartily believe your Word and through the holy sacraments day by day strengthen our faith until finally, we obtain salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*

## **Call to Worship | I Could Sing of Your Love Forever**

Adrienne Collins, Sharon Hudzinski, Casey Mick

# Hymn of Invocation | Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474



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!



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



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

## Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

# This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



*Refrain*

**C** 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  
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: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

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



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



## Baptism | Chase Michael Niemeyer (8:00)

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

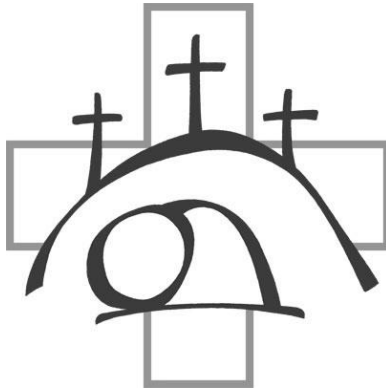
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## First Reading | Acts 5:29–42

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.

<sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them,

“Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.

<sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him

were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle | 1 Peter 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved

by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Preparation

John 6:68

**C** 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.

## Gospel | John 20:19–31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place

my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message | Josh Eckstein

*Music – Children of the Heavenly Father  
Adrienne Collins, Sharon Hudzinski, Casey Mick*

# Hymn of the Day | O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470, sts. 1-5



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



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

Sermon | Sem. Alex Uttley

# Hymn of Response | O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470, sts. 6-9



6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -  
 7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the  
 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and



on My hands, My feet; Not faith-less but be - liev - ing be."  
 feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 faith has con-stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.  
 ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic - es raise.



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

## Offering | *Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the narthex.*

- P** It is the Lord who blesses the work of our hands; therefore, we give to Him our thankfulness in our offering this day.
- C** **Our offerings symbolize that all we have and all we are come from God. With thanks we return a part of what is His to Him, as an act of thanksgiving.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn | O Worship the King

LSB 804, sts. 1, 4-6



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,  
 6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
 While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,  
 Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

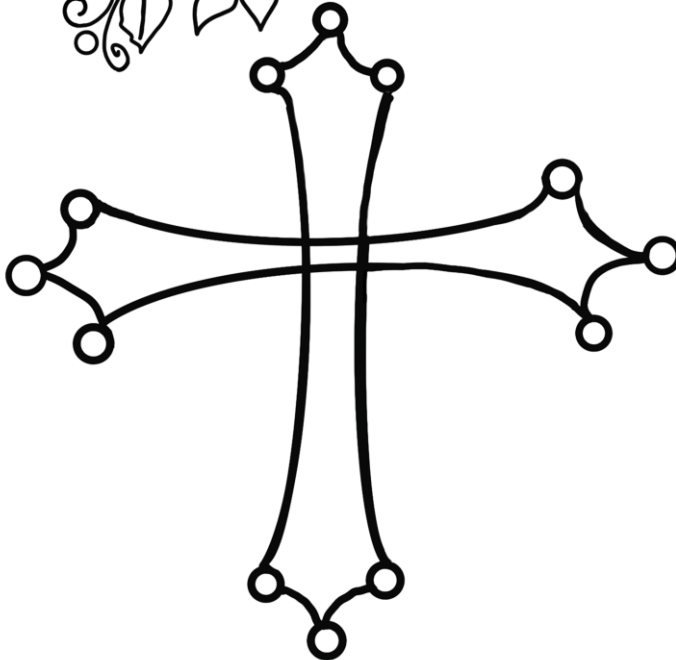


Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!  
 With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

## Prayer After Worship | Mozarabic Collects ed. Rev. Chas. R Hale, 1881

*O Lion of the tribe of Judah, O Root of David, enlighten our hearts and minds with your true wisdom, that we who rejoice in your Resurrection, may join with your blessed ones, and with all the heavenly host in your kingdom in praising your glorious name; with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, ever one God, now and forever. Amen.*

# Rejoice





## Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church

As the family at Chapel of the Cross,  
our mission is to  
SHARE the Gospel,  
SEEK the Lost,  
STUDY God's Word, and  
STRENGTHEN One Another.

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