

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

P: As people of the Resurrection, go forth in amazement, looking to share the good news with the world.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG:

THINE IS THE GLORY

ELW #376

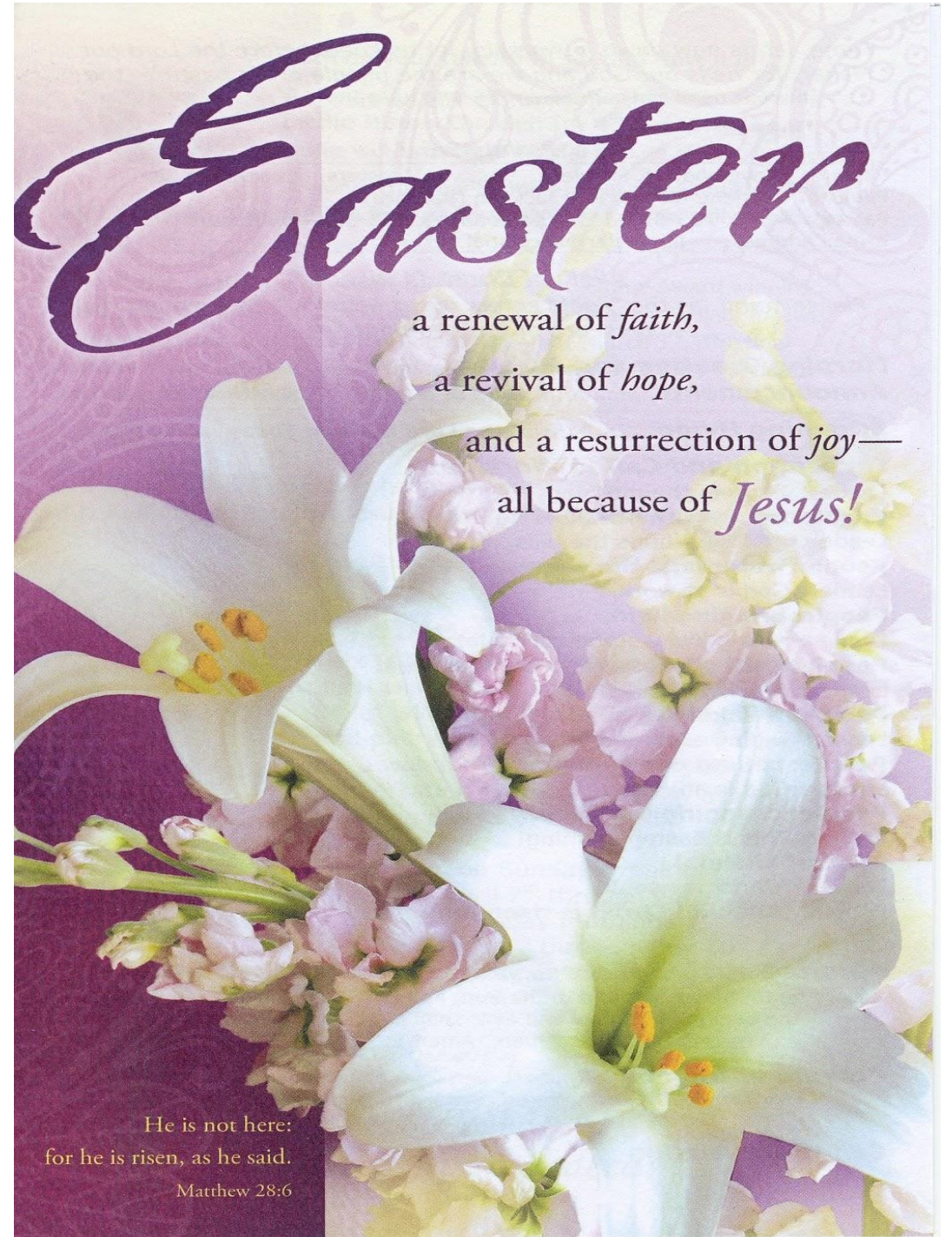
Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. **R**
2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly, he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **R**
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **R**

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026

We gather in silence and darkness.....

P: Who have you come looking for?

C: We have come looking for Jesus. He died on Friday, and they laid him in the tomb.

P: He is not here. He has risen!

C: He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY* ELW #365

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise, then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
(A moment of silence for self-reflection)

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead and made us alive together in Christ. By grace, you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!

ELW #361

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
3. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
4. All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING!

ELW #385

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world, glad news we bring; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES

ELW #380

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone, bright fore-runner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
2. Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh? Christ, who died, our brother here, lives our brother still on high, lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.
3. Jesus lives! And thus my soul, life eternal waits for you; joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too; with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.
4. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth. Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth. Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.
5. Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

DIALOGUE:

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.

PREFACE:

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 Savior 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:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

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.

LORD'S PRAYER:

P: We pray together as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION:**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:****OPENING PRAYER:**

Gracious God, you journeyed with us during this season of Lent. You have been with us to help us identify our sins, have assured us of your complete forgiveness, and have called us to be Easter people. Just as you charged Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James and Salome, to go and tell Jesus' disciples of Jesus' resurrection, help us to go and share the news of Jesus' Resurrection with other people, so they can know the good news that every power of this world has been defeated, including death itself. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING:**Isaiah 65:17-25**

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¹⁷“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. ²⁰“Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach^[a] a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMS:**118:21-29**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will praise you; You are my God, and I will exalt you.**

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

SECOND READING:**Acts 10:34-43**

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the

message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ 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.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, Oh, Lord.

P: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there, but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her. This is the Resurrection Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, Oh, Risen Christ.**

SERMON:

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SERMON HYMN: NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS ELW #367

1. Now all the vault of heav’n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still he comes to give us life, and by his presence stills all strife. “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life’s day that by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing: “Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most God, all the glory, never ending!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE CREED, THE SECOND ARTICLE: REDEMPTION
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.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The King Is Coming* Quartet: Dale Hanson, Ruth Tieszen, Yvonne Manning, Jim Olson

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:
At Beaver Valley Lutheran, we practice open Communion, so if you are visiting with us today, you are most welcome to join us at the Lord’s Table. Young children and others who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. If it is difficult for you to come to the front for Communion, inform the ushers, and Communion will be brought to you in the pew.