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**WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.**

ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

## Easter Sunrise Service

April 5, 2026

7:00am

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

*The Gathering*

PRELUDE

*"YOUR LOVE IS ALIVE"*

## EASTER GREETING

**Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed.**

**Christ Lives! Christ Lives indeed!**

**Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

<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.

<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.

<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.

GATHERING SONG: *“RESURRECTION HYMN”* by Townend

## PASTORAL GREETING

**P** 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*[Congregation is seated.]*

## The Word

FIRST READING: **ACTS 10:34-43**

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

34Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.  
36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus  
Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee  
after the baptism that John announced: 38how 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. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not 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. 42He 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. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “RESUCITO”**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus’ corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

**The holy gospel according to St. John, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The

women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: PASTOR KIM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ’s resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and

those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (*especially*). God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

## *The Meal*

OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY MUSIC

*“ALIVE IN CHRIST JESUS”*

*BY DAVID HAAS*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.  
Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

[THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE]

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

Remembering his love for us on the way,

at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## COMMUNION INVITATION

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

COMMUNION SONG: *"CHRIST IS RISEN" BY MATT MAHER & MIA FIELDS*

## PASTORAL BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,  
Living God,  
you in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

*The Sending*

## BENEDICTION:

**P** The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG:                    *“LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”*    BY RICK FOUNDS

DISMISSAL:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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