

Order of Worship
Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day
Service of Holy Communion
Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Out of Ashes”

Choir

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Trumpet and Organ

“GOD SIGHTINGS”

GATHERING HYMN: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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!

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!

GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Response: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

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."
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

- ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

- ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Alleluia Give Thanks”

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Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live . . . forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward; life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain.*

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith together.

**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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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. 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.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Alleluia, Jesus is King"

Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come and eat the bread of life.
All who are thirsty, come and drink the cup of salvation.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG: "Lamb of God"

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

COMMUNION

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW 619

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION: "Now, Lord, Let Your Servant Go"

**Now, Lord you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the
sight of ev'ry people;
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who formed us in love, who renews us through grace, and who will transform us into glory + bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW 367

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!

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!

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.

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 holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Ministers – Sunday, April 20, 2025

Acolyte: Ryan Yanders

Altar Guild:

Assistant Minister: Denice Adams

Lector: Linda Kleppinger

Greeters/Ushers: Gerry and Denis Burns

Announcements

Arndt's 200th Anniversary: We are forming a committee for our 200th anniversary celebration in 2026. If you would like to serve on the committee, please speak with Pastor or any member of council.

A Night at the Iron Pigs: The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District is planning an Iron Pigs Night at Coca Cola Park: the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs vs. the Rochester Red Wings, on Friday, June 20th, gametime 7:05 p.m. Ticket cost is \$13. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to order tickets. Ticket orders and payment will be due by Sunday, May 4th. Please make checks payable to the "Bethlehem/Easton Mission District". If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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Arndt's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 20, 2025:	Easter Day Service - Resurrection of Our Lord with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, April 21, 2025:	Church office closed.
Tuesday, April 22, 2025:	Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22, 2025:	Boy Scout Meeting, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23, 2025:	Country Line Dancing Class, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Barbara Willett, Instructor – 610-253-7382
Wednesday, April 23, 2025:	Arndt's Book Club at Country Meadows, Forks – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 24, 2025:	Open Arms Senior Connection, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 27, 2025:	Children's Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 27, 2025:	Service of the Word – Second Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 27, 2025:	Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.