

**The Resurrection of our Lord**  
***A Celebrate! Worship for Every Festival<sup>+</sup>***  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
***with the flowering of the cross***



**Easter Sunday**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**GA Lutheran Church – ELCA**

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

### **Welcome**

*Children are invited to bring their bells and join the procession at the entrance to the church*

## **GATHERING**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P:** Jesus is risen! Alleluia, we sing! Jesus is risen the bells now ring!

### **Entrance Hymn**

### **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**ELW 365**

*All ring their bells during the entrance hymn*

*Children are invited to follow the pastor to the cross and each place a flower on the cross.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*The children gather with the Pastor around the font*

**P:** In the name of God the Creator, Savior, and Spirit. Amen.

**P:** In the waters of baptism, we receive God's love and forgiveness, and are forever connected to Christ. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the waters,

Your word calling out into the deep and creating everything there is.

Your Spirit continues to move through the story of your people:

Crossing the Red Sea with Moses and the Israelites,

Delivering them into safety.

Sweeping across the lands in the great flood,

Making way for a new beginning when all seemed lost.

Washing over us in the waters of baptism,

Making us new.

In these waters, we hear God proclaim:

"You are my beloved."

And that is our truth forever.

*All are invited to make the sign of the cross on their foreheads.*

*Children at the font are invited to dip their finger in the water before making the sign of the cross on their foreheads.*

**Please repeat after me -**

**I am God's beloved. I am loved.**

**I am forgiven. Nothing can separate me from this love.**

**Thank you, God, for water. Thank you, God, for baptism.**

**Thank you, God, for loving me. Amen**

**P:** Jesus is risen! Alleluia, we sing! Jesus is risen the bells now ring!

### **Easter Proclamation**

### ***Hallelu, Hallelu***

**Insert**

*All ring their bells during the hymn*

*Children are invited to add more flowers to the cross and then return to their places*

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: God of resurrection and new life, we give you thanks that Jesus is risen and we too shall arise. Help us to trust and believe that because Jesus lives, we shall live also. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we might be your resurrection people in this world, bringing hope into places of despair, joy into places of sadness, and life into places of death. In the name of +Jesus. Amen.

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak: "I really understand now that God does not consider some people to be better than others. He accepts anyone who worships him and does what is right. It is not important what nation they come from. God has spoken to the people of Israel. He sent them the Good News that peace has come through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all people.

"You know what has happened all over Judea. It began in Galilee after John told the people they needed to be baptized. You know about Jesus from Nazareth. God made him the Messiah by giving him the Holy Spirit and power. Jesus went everywhere doing good for people. He healed those who were ruled by the devil, showing that God was with him.

"We saw all that Jesus did in Judea and in Jerusalem. But he was killed. They put him on a cross made of wood. But on the third day after his death, God raised him to life and let him be seen openly. He was not seen by everyone, but only by us, the ones God had already chosen to be witnesses. We ate and drank with him after he was raised from death.

"Jesus told us to go and speak to the people. He told us to tell them that he is the one God chose to be the Judge of all who are living and all who have died. Everyone who believes in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name. All the prophets agree that this is true."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** Sunrise Service: *Amazing Grace* - by Lando Decker and Liam Opdahl

P: Jesus is risen! Alleluia, we sing! Jesus is risen the bells now ring!

### **Easter Proclamation**

*Hallelu, Hallelu*

**Insert**

*All ring their bells during the hymn*

*Children are invited to add more flowers to the cross during the hymn*

### **Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did

not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Mini-Monologue:**    *A Child Blessed By Jesus*

**Hymn of the Day**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (Vs 1-4)**

**ELW 619**

*All ring their bells as Children add more flowers to the cross during the hymn*

**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 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.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

P. The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you in whatever manner you are comfortable.*

## Offering

**Ways To Give Offering: In Person, Venmo and Online [www.galutheranchurch.org](http://www.galutheranchurch.org)**



*Because you give...  
we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow.  
**Thank you for your generosity!***

## Offering Hymn

*Give Thanks*

**Gray 170**

## Offertory Prayer

Dear God,

you created everything on earth and called it good. Thank you for giving us everything we need. Help us to use these gifts to love and serve others, So that all may know the goodness we have received Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**MEAL**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: On his last night with them, Jesus gathered with his friends around the dinner table in beloved community. He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and he gave it to each one of them, saying

*"Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Again after supper, he took the cup of wine and said,

*"This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."*

P. Praying now in whatever language or translation is the language of your heart, we pray as children of God:

**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 the evil one.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: The table is set and all is ready. All who approach with open hands and open hearts are

welcome to receive the grace and forgiveness of Christ present in this bread and wine.

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.**

### **Distribution**

*Everyone is invited to add flowers to the cross as they come forward to receive Holy Communion*

P: Jesus is risen! Alleluia, we sing! Jesus is risen the bells now ring!

### **Easter Proclamation**

*Hallelu, Hallelu*

**Insert**

*All ring their bells during the hymn.*

**C: Thank you, God, For this fresh start we have received Through your gift of life in this meal. Strengthen us in faith to leave this place ready to be your hands and feet in this world that needs your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **The Blessing**

P: God the Creator, +Christ the Savior, and the Spirit of new life, bless you now and forever. Amen.

P: Jesus is risen! Alleluia, we sing! Jesus is risen the bells now ring!

### **The Sending Hymn**

*Thine Is The Glory*

**ELW 376**

*All ring their bells during the hymn*

### **Commission**

P. Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia**

### **Postlude**

#### Mission Statement of Gustaf Lutheran Church (Adopted in 2022)

**To share the Good News of God's Word and to serve the community and the world.**

*Matthew 22:39* 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

*Matthew 28:19* Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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We celebrate weekly Holy Communion. We welcome all who believe in the Risen Christ and who find in the sacrament our Lord's real presence for the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life. If you receive communion in your home congregation, you are invited to receive it here at G.A. Red wine and white grape juice will be offered to you in Christ's name. You may choose your preference. If you are unable to receive wheat bread, or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

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Acts 10:34-43 Holy Bible, Easy to Read Version

John 20:1-18, Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version

Thanksgiving for Baptism, Offertory Prayer, Communion Invitation, and Post Communion Prayer by Rev. Sarah Krolak from liturgy for Young at Heart Worship + Elemental Worship



**Hallelu, Hallelu**

**Insert**

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Prase ye the Lord!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Prase ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!  
Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!