



The Resurrection of our Lord

April 5, 2026

Prelude *Fanfare for Bells*

TOL Handbell Choir

Welcome

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Halelujah! Lo, He Wakes!

Benjamin Schmolck, tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880

C. Wonnberger, 1873

♩=138

1. Hal-le - lu-jah! Lo, He wakes! Lives, o'er death and hell vic - tor - ious; Earth in
 2. Hal-le - lu-jah! See the tomb, Ye who o'er His death are pin - ing; Dry your
 3. Hal-le - lu-jah! Why seek ye Yet a - mong the dead the liv - ing? Christ is
 4. Hal-le - lu-jah! Then I cry; Christ too will from death re - store me, Take me

awe with trem - bling quakes, As the He - ro ris - es glor - ious; He who
 tears, to joy give room, While the ra - diant sun is shin - ing; Hear the
 ris'n in ma - jes - ty! Hence a - way with gloom - y griev - ing. Join with
 to His throne on high, Whi - ther He has gone be - fore me. Faith ex -

died on Gol - go - tha,
 an - gels' Glo - ri - a;
 her of Mag - da - la. Je - sus lives, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives, hal - le - lu - jah!
 - ults: Vic - tor - i - a!

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **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.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

First Reading *Acts 10:34-43*

Please be seated

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

...Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.

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.**

¹⁸The 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.**

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

²³**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4*

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

.....*Christ is Risen!*

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

(sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel *Matthew 28:1-10*

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

(sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Choir Anthem *Glorious Risen Christ*

Sermon

Hymn

TOL Handbell Choir

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Lanny, Glenda, Ralph, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshiping community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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 God thanks and praise.

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 (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven 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.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The 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.**

{P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time. Have a blessed Easter Sunday!

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Velma Achenbach.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through [tithely](http://tithely.com), which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Easter Flowers: Thank you for your orders. The beautiful flowers are decorating our sanctuary today, and following the service, you can take yours home to enjoy!

Thank You: A special thank you to Matt Grabau, Lacy Stang and the TOL Handbell Choir for taking part in today's service, and to the TOL Voice Choir for your wonderful anthems each week!

Mission for April: This month we are supporting Augustana's RIDE (Refugee and Immigrant Driver Education) program, which assists people in obtaining drivers' permits and licenses enabling them to access employment, healthcare, education, etc. Please see the article in the April Tidings for more details. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex, or use tithe.ly through the TOL website. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Adult Education: The final three classes of this semester are listed below. Classes start at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. **Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.**

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| April 13 | Galatia and Thessalonica – Paul |
| April 27 | Gospel of Judas |
| May 11 | Spain and France – James and Mary Magdalene |

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, including this **Tuesday, April 7**. The meetings begin at 10 am in person or on Zoom.

Women's Lunch Group: You are invited to join the group for lunch this **Thursday, April 9** at 12:30 pm, at Hideaway Grill, N. Tonawanda. Please contact Judy Menz or Barb Maugans if you have any questions.

Sermon Discussion/input: Meets again on **Wednesday, April 22 at noon**. Please let Pastor Fred know if you are interested in discussing the texts for the next month of sermons.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck: Will be **Sunday, April 26**, following worship service. If you have not already signed up, please use the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Copies of the Annual Report will be available on Sunday, April 19.

Curtains Up: On **Saturday, May 2**, please join us at Ellicott Creek Playhouse for a live performance of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." Next Sunday, April 12, is the deadline to sign up on the main bulletin board. We have 30 seats available.

Chicken Chowder Sale: TOL will be holding another chicken chowder sale on **Saturday, May 16, starting at 12 noon**. It's a popular event, and the chowder tends to sell out fast so come early and bring a friend! Want to get involved? There are many ways to help make this fundraiser a success. Sign up on the bulletin board or

Speak with Matt Grabau. Visit the ingredient sign-up board in the Narthex. If you're donating produce, please drop it off at TOL during the week of May 11. We'll be prepping the vegetables on **Friday, May 15**. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about TOL's chowder!

Mark Your Calendars and Stay Tuned for Details:

Adult Retreat: Our annual Adult Retreat at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will be the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. The sign-up sheet is available on the main bulletin board.

Craft Show and Basket Raffle: Our 3rd annual event will take place here at TOL on **Saturday, September 19**.

Book Club at Augustana: April's book is *Norwegian by Night* by Derrick B. Miller.

Friends of Night People: Thanks to our volunteer teams who continue to prepare and deliver 100 sandwiches each week! We also collect warm clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, boots, hand & foot warmers, gloves, hats, hygiene items, lip balm & mugs. Please place donations in the blue barrel in the hallway. Thanks!

Operation Christmas Child: The suggested donations for **April** are small toys, such as play dough, yo-yo's, slinky, small cars or dolls, etc. Thank you.

Help Wanted - Usher Sign-Up Sheet: If you can help us by ushering some Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, for the months of April through June, on the main bulletin board. Thank you!

Devotionals: If you would like a "Christ in Our Home" devotional for **April through June 2026**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 716-836-4868 to have one mailed to you.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please continue to visit and support our Book Sale in the Resource Library down the hall. There are lots of new puzzles, available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Warm clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.

- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.
- Calendars for 2026 for Veterans Hospital – bin in hallway.

This week's calendar

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| <p><i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i></p> <p><i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i></p> | Sun | 4/5 | 9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm | <i>Have a Blessed Easter!</i> Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting |
| | Mon | 4/6 | 10 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm | OA Meeting Yoga Sandwich Team #4 |
| | Tues | 4/7 | 10 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm | Grief Support Group Chair Yoga CoDA |
| | Wed | 4/8 | 5:45 pm | Yoga |
| | Thurs | 4/9 | 9:30 am 12:30 pm 5:45 pm 7 pm | Yoga Women's Lunch Group Yoga GA Meeting |
| | Fri | 4/10 | 10 am | South Asian Lutheran Community |
| | Sat | 4/11 | | |
| | Sun | 4/12 | 9:30 am 9:45 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm | Worship Service at Augustana Sunday School Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting |

Announcements: *If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.*

Easter Plants are given to the Glory of God today from:

*Dick and Barb Edwards
Jenna and Scott Edwards
Amy and Joe Falcone
Debbie Feger
Elaine Geschwender
Don and Lois Grabau
Nancy Jackson
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