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The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM & 10:30 AM

April 20, 2025

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: LOOK ALIVE IN 2025!

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ~ Eph. 2: 4-5

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in A Major . . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 457 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today (vs. 1 All, 2 Women, 3 Men, 4 All)

Easter Dialogue:

P: Alleluia! Christ Jesus has risen from the dead.

C: *God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.*

P: Christ Jesus abolished death,

C: *and brought life and immortality to all through the gospel. Alleluia!*

This is the Feast:

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

All: Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

C: *Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Anthem (10:30): Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" . . . G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Kingdom of this world

Is become the kingdom of our Lord,

And of His Christ, and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Anthem (10:30): I Will Arise . . . S. Tucker

Come, ye sinners poor and needy,

Weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you,

Full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus,

He will embrace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior,

O there are ten thousand charms.

Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended,

Pleads the merit of His blood;

*Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

Hymn (7:00): LSB 488 – He is Arisen! Glorious Word

Anthem (10:30): Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia . . . P. Hurlbutt

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

Hymn of the Day: LSB 461 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs. 1,2, 6-8, 10:30 choir only vs. 2)

Video: Picture of Easter . . . Hyper Pixels Media

Children's Message

Message from the Word:

Sermon theme: GOD'S POWER AT WORK

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Responsive Prayer:

P: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

C: *the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

P: The LORD is my strength and my song,

C: *and he has become my salvation.*

P: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

C: *your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.*

P: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

C: *you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.*

P: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

C: *the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,*

P: the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

C: *The LORD will reign forever and ever.*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (7:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Anthem (10:30): We Celebrate this Holy Feast . . . J.S. Bach

*We celebrate the Holy Feast
In reverence united.
The evil leaven works no more,
Thy Word its curse has righted.
Christ Himself the Feast will be
And nourish our souls
That we by faith may gain salvation.
Hallelujah!*

Communion Hymn: LSB 633 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: LSB 475 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Benediction

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony V . . . C. M. Widor

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Special thanks to our brass players, Brett Murphey and Kathryn Krubsack (trumpet), Sue Walker (horn), Matthew Walker (trombone) and to the voice and bell choirs of Our Shepherd, and John Schubring, director of choirs for the blessing of special music at the 10:30 service today!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God this weekend by the Harry and Tina Roberts in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary. God’s blessings to them!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MINISTRY: The leadership of the contemporary music ministry here at Our Shepherd will be transitioning very soon from Deb Grahm and John Schubring over to Seth Bahr. Welcome, Seth, to the Our Shepherd church family, and thank you, Deb and John, for all your many valued contributions to the ministry!! We are looking for singers and musicians (guitar and drum players) to serve the Lord in this ministry. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact the church office or Seth Bahr at 262-490-1919.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, May 3, 2025, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers. We make and serve breakfast for those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer; see our website for the link.

THE WORD TODAY WALK: Join us for a fun walk around Scout Lake’s half-mile loop (5902 W. Loomis Road, Greendale) after the late service on Sunday, May 4th. We are celebrating TWT’s 47th anniversary and will provide a tailgate lunch. Please sign up so we can plan for food. (In case of inclement weather, we will be at church.)

SPRING CLEAN UP: Please sign up if you can help around the church and grounds on Saturday, May 18th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

VBS 2025: Save the date! VBS, “**Calling All Superheroes,**” will take place from June 23 to 27. Details and information will be coming soon

EASTER FLOWERS: If you purchased a plant, you may take it home after the late service today.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

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The Pastor and Staff of Our Shepherd wish you all a blessed Easter!



HE died for
All, that they which live
Should not henceforth live unto
Themselves, but unto Him which
DiEd for them and
Rose again

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today – Shona (Zimbabwe)

I listened to the new program, The Word Today (Shoko raNhasi). I am also positive that God loves me so much that He protects and guides me when I am about to lose my way and I greatly appreciate God for this. This evening, you mentioned not getting tired of doing good. Encouraging us to continue doing good despite any negatives that may reach our ears. I personally was getting fatigued and truly considering quitting the good that I was doing for someone. Thank you very much. I will not get tired; instead, I will pray that the Lord will help me keep doing the right thing. God bless you.

The lessons you are teaching are quite beneficial. First, my mind is transformed. It has become stable, not thinking or plotting evil. This is making me a more committed person. Secondly, I am now able to control myself. Third, I have seen myself having more times of prayer. Especially on my own. It was not easy for me to be doing this. The fourth change in me is that I can now compose myself and humble myself, even as I am older than those I do work with. This I do so as to preach Christ in a better way. Lastly I have grown so much in reading the Word of God on my own. All I can is that may God continue to use you to minister to His children. I am one of the children. God bless you.

I greatly want to thank you for the program Shoko raNhasi (The Word Today Shona) which has come to give another layer of the great teachings of the Word. Pastor, allow me to thank you so much for the teachings on your program. These teachings help a lot in my life. The changing of my lifestyle is getting another solid teaching through this wonderful program. Continue giving us food for life as you always mention on the program that we cannot live on bread alone.

Greetings Pastor, The Word Today Shona is so uplifting. Even after coming from church I still want to listen to those programs. I have also encouraged others to listen to these powerful teachings. May God continue to give you strength to keep doing His work.

Thank you Pastor for The Word Today. I am continuously being encouraged by your teachings. I treasure them so much because they are easy to follow and understandable. I believe I am not going to be the same again as I continue following through your teachings. I am growing in understanding the real truth. Thank you for your love and continue with such great work.