



DESERT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30AM (in-person & live streamed)

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EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP

April 20, 2025 *Resurrection Sunday*

He is risen

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Kent Groethe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Greg Silverman

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Text: Latin carol, 14th century, sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley (1707-1788), st. 4; tr. Lyra Davidica (1708), sts. 1-3 | Tune: Lyra Davidica (1708)

Verse 1:

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

Verse 3:

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!

Verse 2:

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

Verse 4:

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!
Leader: Because God’s love conquers even death itself, we come boldly before Him to ask forgiveness for all the wrong we have done and the good we have failed to do...
(Moment of silent reflection and confession)
Leader: In our distress we call on you, Lord to save us;
All: You answer us and set us free.
Leader: With you on our side we do not fear
All: what can mortals do to us?
Leader: Through Jesus death and resurrection, You Are Forgiven?
All: Yes, We are forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ!
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
All: His steadfast love endures forever!

SONG **Glorious Day**
[Default Arrangement] Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Kristian Stanfill and Sean Curran

Verse 1:
I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb
til’ I met You
Verse 2:
I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb
til’ I met You
Chorus:
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into
Your glorious day
You called my name and
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into
Your glorious day
Verse 3:
Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new
when I met You
Chorus
Bridge:
I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight
of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open
Chorus

HOLY COMMUNION:
We share communion every Sunday to provide an opportunity to receive Christ anew in this Holy Sacrament. All who trust in Jesus for eternal life are welcome to participate.
The ushers will direct you. You will be given a wafer; you then dip the wafer into either the wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.
Please let the ushers know if you want communion brought to your seat.

PRAYER REQUESTS:
Health and Healing: For Loretta Coupland.
Wisdom and Peace: For Pastor Bill Gaube as he leads a Bible Study at home.
Comfort and Peace: For Family and Friends of Pastor Frank Nausin who passed away.
Protection, Wisdom and Guidance: For the leaders of our country, all world leaders, people in countries facing outside aggression and the military and their families.
Church of the Week: Christian Faith Fellowship
Prayers for Unbelieving Loved Ones
We pray for our loved ones who do not yet know Christ that you would stir in them faith in Jesus Christ.
Long Term & Military Prayer Lists are available by request.
The Prayer Team prays for all those on the lists each week.
Prayer requests can be submitted at www.deserthope.org or by calling the church office, 520-722-9134. Please make sure you have permission for prayers printed in the bulletin.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Mar 2025		
2025 Actuals	Mar 2025	YTD 2025
Actual Income	\$ 47,645.00	\$146,361
Actual Expenses	\$ 35,376.00	\$109,013
Net Income	\$ 12,269.00	\$37,348
2025 Budget	Mar 2025	YTD 2025
Budgeted Income	\$ 53,860.00	\$160,575
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 38,752.00	\$117,721
Net Income	\$ 15,108.00	\$42,854
YTD Monthly Giving		
Mar 2024	\$ 146,345.00	
Mar 2025	\$ 146,361.00	
Variance	\$ 16.00	

NOTE: These numbers reflect contributions to DH's regular operating budget. Designated/ restricted contributions are not included.

reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE **“The Zenith of Christ’s Life - Letter Z”** Pastor Kent Groethe



SONG

Your Grace Is Enough
[Default Arrangement] by Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, O God	Great is Your love and justice
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart	God of Jacob
You lead us by still waters into mercy	You use the weak to lead the strong
And nothing can keep us apart	You lead us in the song of Your salvation
	And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people	So remember Your people
Remember Your children	Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God	Remember Your promise, O God

Chorus:
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Chorus (2x)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Rob Caylor

LORD’S PRAYER

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

SONG

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.	Christ is alive! Ascended Lord--
His cross stands empty to the sky.	He rules the world His Father made,
Let streets and homes with praises ring.	Till, in the end, His love adored
In death His love shall never die.	Shall be to all on earth displayed.
In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,	
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,	
He suffers still, yet loves the more,	
And lives, though ever crucified.	

[Default Arrangement]

COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in His grace now and always.

SONG

In Christ Alone

[Default Arrangement] by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm
What heights of love, what depths
of peace
When fears are stilled when
strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2:

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3:

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4:

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns, or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

SENDING

Leader: Christ is risen!
All: **He is risen, indeed!**

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:4-6 (NIV)

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Romans 8:1-4 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free
from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it
was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful
flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the
righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live
according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Gospel

John 20:1-18 (NIV)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to
the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she
came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said,
“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have
put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the
other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked
in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along
behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,
⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still
lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had

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