

# **CROWN OF LIFE** **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

"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; he has risen, just as he said!'" -Matthew 28:5-6



## **—Resurrection Sunday—**

**April 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

### **A Celebration of our Lord's Resurrection**

**Welcome to all visitors!** The Crown of Life family welcomes you this Easter Sunday! We are glad you are here. We are glad to have children in worship with us as well. However, if you need to leave with your child, there is a "quiet room" off to the side of the entryway of the church. If you need assistance, the ushers are here to help you. The restrooms are located in the fellowship hall next door. Again, we are glad you are here and hope you will join us for Easter Brunch after the service in the fellowship hall.

**Prayer before worship:** "O Lord, thank you for sending Jesus my Savior who rose from the dead! I am so glad because his victory over death is my victory over death through faith in him! Please renew in me the spirit you have given me—you have not given me a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, love, and self-control. Please help all of us to grow stronger in our faith and trust in You and You alone. Amen."

*\*Please turn off your cell phones\**

## **—Easter Worship Service—**

### **—Opening Hymn:**

**"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**  
**verses 1-4 — #152 in the Christian Worship**

### **—Responsive Opening—**

pastor: He is risen!  
congregation: **He is risen indeed!**

p: Jesus Christ has risen; let us worship him!

c: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

p: In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

c: **He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead!**

p: Christ gives us the victory through faith in Him, as he promised:

c: **"I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies."**

p: Jesus has risen!

c: **He has risen indeed!**

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### **—Voices Of Victory Choir** **"Redeemer"**

**—Word of God: Isaiah 25:6-9**

6 On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
7 On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
8 he will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth. The Lord has spoken.  
9 In that day they will say,  
“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

**—Hymn: “Because He Lives”**

#281 in the African American Heritage Hymnal

**—Word of God: I Corinthians 15: 51-57**

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**—Hymn: “In Christ Alone”**

**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.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**—Children's Sermon: "You Gotta See This!"**

**—Easter Message: John 20:19-31**

"Treasure the Peace Jesus Brings"

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

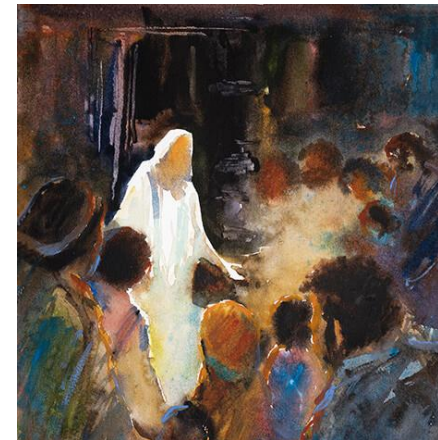
But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



**—Offering**

**—Voices Of Victory Choir  
"Hallelujah Easter"**

## —Confession of Faith: 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

## —Easter Prayer

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: Almighty God, You kept Your promise and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by His rising again, we have the assurance of everlasting life.

**Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not be afraid nor give in to the temptation of despair during difficult days. Lord, please help us to treasure Your precious Word, regularly hear it and put it into practice in our lives. Bless Crown of Life congregation and please help us to share Your Word with our neighborhood, community, and city. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, we live in an unsafe world. We pray for Your protection and safety for all of us and our families. Frustrate the forces of evil, and wherever wars are raging, please allow for peace. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Have mercy on the sick and those in need. Assure them of your presence and sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We pray that when we awake in the resurrection, Your presence will give us great joy.

**We join today in singing alleluias to You, just as countless angels in heaven give You praise and glory. And we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## —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.

## —Benediction

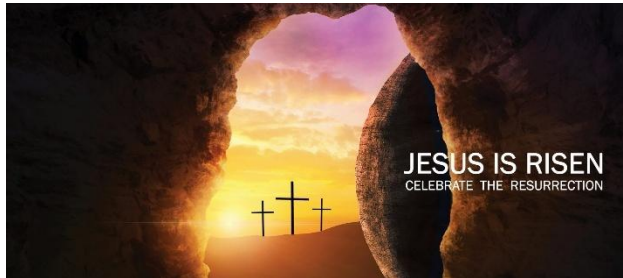
p: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Jesus Christ has risen indeed!  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.  
**c: Amen.**

## —Closing Hymn “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” — v. 5-8 #152 in Christian Worship

Please join us...  
Easter Egg Hunt for the kids,  
Easter brunch follows in the Fellowship Hall,  
Bingo game with prizes after Easter brunch!

All are welcome!



## Serving at Crown of Life:

### Today

### Next Sunday

Pianists:	Katherine & Karis	Karis
Drums:	Elijah	Elijah
Guitar:	Noah	
Violin:	Quiana, Anna	
Strings:	Sarah, Michael	
Clarinet:	Trent	
Handbells:	Sebastian, Leah	
Ushers:	Keith	Lee and Tony
Reader:	Seth	Elijah
Streaming:	Noah	Noah
Altar:	Karis	
Refreshments:	Easter Potluck Brunch	Your opportunity to serve
Cleaning:	Karis	Your opportunity to serve
Mowing:	Keith	Randy

## Calendar Of Events

Today:	Easter Brunch, Easter Egg Hunt, Bingo with prizes
Sunday, April 27:	10 AM Bible Class “Who Am I and What Am I Doing Here”, 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship, 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting (following Worship)
Wednesday, Apr 30:	7:00 PM Online Bible Class “What It Means To Love One Other— A Study in 1 <sup>st</sup> John
Sunday, May 4:	Crawfish Boil
Sunday, May 18:	Council Meeting
Jul 28-Aug 2:	Kids’ Camp: “Wonder Junction”

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>%Budget</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Last Week	\$4,786.43	\$2,710.40	176.6%	
April	\$6,842.43	\$11,745.08	58.3%	\$11,640.70
Qtr-to-Date	\$6,842.43	\$35,235.25	19.4%	\$35,310.14
Year-to-Date	\$52,413.50	\$140,941.00	37.2%	\$176,104.32



*“...give what you have decided in your heart  
to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.”  
II Corinthians 9:7*

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