



Bethlehem Parma (LCMS)

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2026
Sunday 4/5 at 9:00

What Did Jesus Do for You and Me – Part 5 *The Resurrection of the Christ*

Church Year: The Resurrection of Our Lord | **Divine Service** – Setting **Four:** LSB 203-212

WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome! See our Welcome Table, sign our book, take a bag, and tell us how we can help!*
- ☺ **Prayer Request:** *Use a “yellow” card (Narthex).*
- ☺ **Young Children:** *Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).*
- ☺ **All Children:** *Children’s Message (join us).*
- ☺ **Phone:** *Please put on silent.*
- ☺ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in the Narthex.*
- ☺ **Service Folder:** *Available on your smartphone: www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder*
- ☺ **Worship From Your Car:** *Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).*

BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

PRELUDE: *We listen in silence...*

Morning Has Broken

Dario Pavaro

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- C: Amen.**
- L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- C: who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*

Since the Spirit has worked contrition and faith in us through God’s word, we sincerely confess our sins!

- L: Let us pray: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.** *Psalms 130:3-4*
- L: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we *have sinned in thought, word, and deed*, and that we *cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition*. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, *our heavenly Father*, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me a sinner.
- C: Almighty God, ➔have mercy upon us, ➔forgive us our sins, and ➔lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- L: Almighty God, *merciful Father*, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

See the words below / TLH 101 / LSB 463

Choir: vv. 1-2 Choir and Congregation: vv. 3-4

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- ↑ 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

- L: Lord, **C: have mercy.**
L: Christ, **C: have mercy.**
L: Lord, **C: have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Is the Feast*

LSB 155

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of
God. **Refrain**
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength,
and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
Refrain
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in
the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-
or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the
Lamb for-ev-er. A - men. **Refrain**

4. For the Lamb _____ who was slain __ has
be - gun his reign. Al-le-lu-----ia. **Refrain**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

- L: The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray: 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, by the
Spirit, may be open to Your word, turning
from our sins, trusting in Jesus, and living for
Him, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen. ↓ Children! Please come forward!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Resurrection Eggs 11 & 12

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

NAS-20

Gentiles Hear Good News

³⁴Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality, ³⁵but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)—³⁷you yourselves know the thing that happened throughout Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed. ³⁸You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹We are witnesses of all the things that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

⁴⁰God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He be revealed, ⁴¹not to all the people, but to witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

⁴²And He ordered us to preach to the people, and

to testify solemnly that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify of Him, that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GRADUAL: Mt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6 ESV

L: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: **[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

L: He has given him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: **He has put all things under His feet.**

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-4 NAS-20

Put On the New Self

¹...if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things *that are* above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on the things *that are* above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE *John 6:68* **LSB 156**

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-15 NAS-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

1. **When, Who, and Why?** ¹**Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn** [*the first appearance of light in the sky*] **toward the first day of the week** [*Sunday*], **Mary Magdalene and the other Mary** [*mother of James and*

Joseph, wife of Clopas] **came to look at the tomb.**

2. **What Is Your Kind of Fear?** ²**And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.** ³**And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.** ⁴**The guards shook from fear of him and became like dead men.**

3. **Can God Do the Impossible?** ⁵**And the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.** ⁶**He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.** ⁷**And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”**

4. **Why Would We Hold Jesus’ Feet?** ⁸**And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to report to His disciples.** ⁹**And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Rejoice!” And they came up and took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him.** ¹⁰**Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go, bring word to My brothers to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

5. **What Did the Guards Deserve?** ¹¹**Now while they were on their way, some of the men from the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.**

6. **Why Did They Make a False Story?** ¹²**And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,** ¹³**and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came at night**

and stole Him while we were asleep.’¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and keep you out of trouble.”

7. **What Is Money Worth to Us?**¹⁵ And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews *and is to this day.*

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED: *See back of either hymnal* ↓

HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*
See the words below / LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON: Jesus Is Risen! Matt. 28:1-15 NAS-20

How is JESUS transforming your life?

See the Gospel Reading for the text.

Get a Full and Sharable Copy of the Sermon

Narthex / Website / YouTube / Facebook / Email

HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*
See the words below / LSB 465

- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above

That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

↑ **Please Arise**

- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn’ly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offering: Plates are available in the center aisle.

The LORD has blessed us with life, salvation, and all we need, so let us trust Him, thank Him, honor Him!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

The Litany of the Resurrection

- L: Let us pray: O Lord,
C: **have mercy.**
L: O Christ,
C: **have mercy.**
L: O Lord,
C: **have mercy.**
L: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C: **hear us.**
L: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
C: **have mercy on us.**
L: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
C: **have mercy on us.**
L: Who foretold Your passion saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”
C: **have mercy on us.**
L: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
C: **have mercy on us.**

L: Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
C: good Lord, deliver us.
 L: By Your victory over sin and death,
C: good Lord, deliver us.
 L: By the majesty of Your risen body,
C: good Lord, deliver us.
 L: We poor sinners implore You
C: to hear us, Lord Jesus.
 L: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C: grant us, good Lord.
 L: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
C: grant us, good Lord.
 L: That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
C: grant us, good Lord.
 L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
 L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: grant us Your peace.
 L: O Lord,
C: have mercy.
 L: O Christ,
C: have mercy.
 L: O Lord,
C: have mercy. Amen.

Please Pray During the Week

REQUEST a Prayer: Complete a **yellow** PRAYER REQUEST card (*available in the Narthex*).

RENEW Your Request: Names with a **(3)** must be renewed by Wednesday at 3:00. Contact your person; update Kathy (call: 440-845-2230; text: 440-785-3802).

Nation

- ➔ **War Against Iran:** Rapid & positive conclusion.
- ➔ **US Armed Forces:** Kohen Berkley, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Chris Sala, Nevin Sherepita, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.

Congregation

- ➔ **Care List:** Helga B, Pat B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Trudy F, Carole G, Esther H, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M,

Rose R, June R, Jean S, Cindy T, Mike & Susanna T, Vicki T, Jim V (most are offered regular mailings and visits).

➔ **Stephen Ministry:** Blessings to our Stephen Ministers and those who receive their care!

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- **Trudy Fischler** (1) spine surg. 4/7: *success.*
- **Natalia Ford** (3) cancer: *successful chemo.*
- **John Haller** (3) surg. 3/17: *cont. healing.*
- **Cedrick Hilliker** (2) *praying for full recovery.*
- **Matt Hlavacek** (1) Lyme dis.: *peace, healing.*
- **Matt Kussmaul** – eye issues: *cont. healing.*
- **Cindy Taress** (1) *cont. healing, strength.*
- **Tami Taylor** (3) *healing, strength, rehab.*

Others

➔ **Temporary Health Issues:**

- **Kim Borland** (2) gut: *prop. diag., healing.*
- **Maria** (2) 3/30 surg: *cont. relief, healing.*
- **Richard Browning** (1) chemo: *peace, success.*
- **Melanie Himmelberger** – *peace, healing.*
- **Bernice Mease** (3) kidney cancer: *healing.*
- **Linda McKay** (3) *cont. peace and healing.*
- **Luke Schave** (1) proton therapy: *success.*
- **Kim Starr** (2) radiation treatments: *success.*
- **Peter Ventura** (1) **head injury**: *peace, healing.*
- **Jim Vrabel** (3) *cont. healing, patience, rehab.*

Celebrate and Give Thanks

Spiritual Birthdays:

4/8 Elyanna Blaha

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SUPPER PREPARATION MUSIC

See the screen and the information below

LORD'S SUPPER: See the screen and what is below. The Supper is offered to repentant believers to assure them of God's forgiveness. Please determine your readiness by asking yourself **these five questions:**

1. **Bible:** It shows us our sin, tells of Jesus, and calls for repentance. **Do I believe the Bible is true?**
2. **Repentance:** It begins in our hearts and shows in our lives. **Do I desire to turn from my sins?**
3. **Salvation:** It is by grace through faith in Jesus for eternal life. **Am I trusting in Jesus for heaven?**
4. **Supper:** **Do I believe the supper is bread & body and wine & blood for the forgiveness of sins?**
5. **Unity:** We are in harmony with God – based on our belief in His word, and with others – based on our common confession. **Do I know and agree with the teachings of the LCMS** (Lu. Ch. Missouri Synod)?

Unsure? Ask for a copy of "The Lord's Supper" brochure and "A Simple Explanation of Christianity."
The pastor would be glad to talk/meet with you!

↑ PREFACE and PROPER PREFACE:

- L: The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.** [Col. 3:1]
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** [Ps. 136]
- L: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Ultimate Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Is. 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

Hosanna = *save us now* ♦ See below / **LSB 208**

Lord God of Sabaoth = *Ultimate Ruler of the Universe*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: Blessed are You, O LORD our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER: *See back of either hymnal*

A: Our Father who art in heaven... *Matt. 6:9-13*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *John 20:19*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* *John 1:29*

See the words below / **LSB 633**

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—

Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ If you are ready to receive: Come forward now.
- ♦ Receiving at your pew: Please inform an usher.
- ♦ Alcohol-Removed Wine: Center of each tray.
- ♦ Receive. Go in peace. Return via a side aisle.
- ♦ Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness *Cruger/ Walther*

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

L: Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant ♦that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and ♦that each day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

Turn to LSB 477

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION:

L: Let us bless the Lord. *[Ps. 103:1]*

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Breakfast – Down the Hall Now – Join Us!

April Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

Easter Flowers

Thanks to all who purchased one or more to beautify our Altar: Alan & Linda Blaha, Carl &



Nancy Burton, Alan & Linda Carlson,
Ed & Patti Cepis, Don & Tracy Crites,
Sandy Crites, Daniel & Stacey Dames,
Sherrie Dennison, Miriam Engelman,
Natalia Ford, Pastor & Kathy Green,

the Hilliker family, Gloria Hurka, the Jasulevich family, the Liddy family, Will Mild, Stephen Pelech, Greg & Cindy Slepko, Norma Sweeny, Linda Taylor, and Terry & Lynda Tomasch.

You are invited to take yours home today!

Schedule: 4/5/26 – 4/12/26

4/7 – Tuesday – 6:30 – Grief Share

4/8 – Wednesday – Sisters of Light – Acts Room

4/9 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

4/11 – Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class

4:00 – Divine Service

4/12 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service

10:30 – Bible Class & Sunday School

Security Meeting – April 18 at 9 AM

For all ushers and all others interested in providing a safe place for all who gather at BLC.

Talk to **Harold W** (440-454-2139), read some pertinent info, and **attend the meeting**.

Thanks For Serving 4/4/26 & 4/5/26

Altar Guild: Kathy G

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K
Distribution: Alan C

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Distribution – Cedrick H
Ushers: Terry T, Larry H
Acolytes: Carter & Shelby R
Sunday School: *Resumes next week!*

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistant

Thanks For Serving 4/11/26 & 4/12/26

Altar Guild: Don & Carol D

Saturday: Organist: Gayle P Usher: Matt K

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P
Ushers: Terry T, Larry H
Acolytes: Noah H, Leo J
Sunday School: Heather H, Cedrick/Harold

Financial Team: Natalia F, Financial Assistant

Numbers From Last Week

Received God's Gifts – Services:

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **38**; car: **2**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **60**; car: **1**
- Holy Thurs – Inside: **61**; car: **1**

Studied God's Word – Classes:

- Sat at 3:00: **11**
- Sunday at 10:30: **37**
- Living the Lectionary: **8**

Weekly Financial Stewardship:

- Needed: **6,769**
- Received: **5,286**
- Actual YTD: **84,139**
- Budget YTD: **87,997**



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