

April 9, 2023  
EASTER SUNDAY

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# Announcements

## Prelude

Reformation Ringers

## Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is risen!

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## Gathering Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 365

## Apostolic 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.**

## Hymn of Praise (In unison)

“This Is the Feast”



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

## Children's Sermon

### First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance

was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Paige G. Evers

**Hymn of the Day**

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

**No. 377**

**Nicene Creed** *(Recited together)*

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,    **C:** hear our prayer.

### The Lord's Prayer *(Prayed together)*

**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.**

## The Peace

### Special Music

“A Joyful Song to the Lord”

Choir

### The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Institution

### “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution of Communion, Standing, at the Altar Rail

Communion Hymns: “Bread of Life from Heaven,” No. 474;  
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!,” No. 369; “Good  
Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!,” No. 385; “When Peace  
like a River,” No. 785

## Post-Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Prayer

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn** “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

**No. 382**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

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The altar flowers are given by Susan Emory in memory of Ronald Emory and by Pat and Tom Sparks in memory of our loved ones.

*Thank you for placing your offering in the plate in the Narthex. For information about electronic giving, please visit [www.rlcmilford.com/give](http://www.rlcmilford.com/give).*

**SERVING TODAY**

**April 9**

Usher  
Lay Reader  
Worship Assistant  
Acolyte  
Altar Guild  
Live Stream Operator  
Fellowship Host

**8:30**

Chris & Melissa Miller  
Joyce Nauman  
Pam Curnock  
Dresden Miller  
Janice Weiner  
Soren Evers  
Mary Lu Wilson

**11:00**

Bill Vendetti  
Gary Johnson  
Todd Hannah  
Lexi Caccamise  
Eric Valentine

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY**

**April 16**

Usher  
Lay Reader  
Worship Assistant  
Acolyte  
Healing Prayer  
Altar Guild  
Live Stream Operator  
Fellowship Host

**8:30**

Janice Weiner  
Sandi Shea  
Dave Curnock  
  
Carol Whyte  
Scott Rainville  
Sandi Shea

**11:00**

Karolyn Hayes  
Diane Massey  
Eric Valentine  
  
Maynard Gregory  
Janice Piatkowski



## ***Easter Flower and Pastors' Discretionary Fund Dedications***

### **Given By:**

*Lisa, Linda & Lexi Caccamise*

*Nanette & Ben Casell*

*Carol Benner-Chaffinch & Family*

*Susan, Zach & Hilary Emory*

*Michele Engelsiepen*

*Shirley M. Gerhold*

*Karolyn & Paul Hayes*

*Gwen Hebert*

*The Kopp Family*

*Maurice & Pat Little*

*Suzanne Madanat*

*Diane Massey*

*The Oldland Family*

*Albert Osterholm*

*William & Helga Pilecki*

*Kristin & Matt Schlegel*

*Shannon & Matt Pencek & Family*

### **In Honor/Memory of:**

*In Memory of George  
Caccamise and Edith & Roger  
Carr*

*In Memory of Loved Ones*

*To the Honor and Glory of God*

*In Memory of Willard, Helga &  
Randy Jackson, Cecil & Marie  
Emory, Joyce Perry Emory,  
and Terry Thommes*

*In Memory of Gerald Breitfeller*

*In Memory of John Fulton  
Gerhold*

*In Honor of our Children and  
In Memory of Carol Sheldon  
and Genevieve Hayes*

*In Memory of Faye  
Denkenberger and George  
and Kenneth McDonough*

*In Memory of Rita M. Kopp*

*In Memory of Our Parents,  
Eva & Bill Farlow and  
Wilson & Isabel Little*

*In Memory of Charles &  
Thelma Heritage*

*In Memory of Cheryl DeLuca*

*In Memory of Kevin Oldland*

*In Memory of Janice Osterholm*

*In Memory of the Pilecki family  
and the Solter family*

*In Honor of our parents,  
children, and grandchildren*

*In Memory of Frank Kossek*

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**Given By:**

*Larry & Sandi Shea*

*Joan & Bob VanGorder*

*Bill Vendetti*

*Janice Weiner*

**In Honor/Memory of:**

*In Memory of Leon & Ellen  
Wilson, L.J. Shea, and Elaine  
Thomas*

*In Memory of our Parents*

*In Memory of Patricia Vendetti*

*In Memory of Loved Ones*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Could You Use A Hearing Boost?** We are considering getting an assistive listening system (earpieces that connect wirelessly to our sound system) for the sanctuary. Would you use such a device if it were available? Please let us know, so that we can be sure this is a wise use of resources. You can say something to Pastor Eric or Pastor Paige. Thank you!

**Join Us for Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study** from 9:45 to 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome!

**Choir Rehearsals are Thursday evenings:** Our choirs are taking a well-deserved break on Thursday, April 13, but will practice as usual on April 20. Reformation Ringers (Bell Choir) rehearse at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, followed by the Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm in the Music Room.

**The Women of the ELCA (WELCA)** will be celebrating 66 years at Reformation Lutheran Church with a luncheon at Surf & Turf in Milford, DE on Thursday, May 4th at 12 noon. Come join us at our "Birthday Party!" **All** Reformation ladies are invited to attend. RSVP by April 30 by signing up on the sign-up sheet found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen or by contacting Marion Suski at 302-664-1902. We look forward to seeing you.

**Campfire Night** is coming in May! All ages are invited to come to church on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. for a fun night outdoors around a fire. Bring your own chair and enjoy S'mores, fellowship, and fun. Contact Pastor Paige or a member of the Growing Young Team for more details. Please save the date!

**Vacation Bible School** for families will be held June 19-22 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Registration is now open at [www.rlcmilford.com/vbs](http://www.rlcmilford.com/vbs). Children of all ages are invited to come and have a blast at our space-theme VBS, and grow in faith with their parents and grandparents and their friends at church!

**Senior Quilt:** You are welcome to view the Senior Quilt for Jack Pencek on display in the Narthex. It will be available for you to sign beginning next week. Thank you to Pastor Judy Moller-Gavlick and the entire Senior Quilt committee for their beautiful handiwork.

**Easter Flower Pick-up:** If you ordered flowers to help decorate the Sanctuary for today's services, please remember to pick them up before you leave. The plants are labeled with your name based on the information provided on your order form. Please take only the plants you ordered. Thank you!

**News from the Christian Service Committee:** Thank you for your donations for the Easter baskets for the girls living away from home. We were able to fill the eight baskets nicely and they will surely be a delightful surprise for the girls!

We are holding a clothing drive during April to assist Brandywine Counseling & Community Services. Donations will be accepted every Sunday in the Narthex. BCCS needs spring and summer clothing, and the following items for men and women: jeans, t-shirts, shirts, shoes, hoodies, wash cloths, shampoos, conditioner, lotion, and hair accessories.

BCCS is a behavioral health community resource in Delaware. They provide education, prevention, early intervention, treatment, and justice-involved services for persons and families touched by mental illness, substance use, HIV and multiple occurring diagnosis, and their related challenges.

Contact Sherry Titherington, [pegasus67912@gmail.com](mailto:pegasus67912@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

**Sign Up for Church News!** If you aren't receiving Reformation news through Constant Contact, please send an email to Pastor Eric at [pr.eric@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.eric@reformation-lutheran.net), and he will add you to this distribution list. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on at Reformation.

**Happy Birthday to:** Oliver Hansen and Joann Czenze-Cotton on April 11th, Kathy Hubbard on the 12th, Kjeri Boyle on the 13th, and Mary Deeter and Georgene Endy on the 14th.

**Happy Anniversary to:** Kelly & Jill Racz and Mike & Tracey Lewis on April 10th, Matt & Shannon Pencek on the 12th, and Bob & Joan VanGorder on the 14th.

### **This Week at Reformation**

Today	8:30 am — Worship Service
	9:45 am — Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 am — Worship Service
Friday	10:00 am — Finance Committee
Next Sunday	8:30 am — Worship Service
	9:45 am — Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 am — Worship Service