

Pastor's Bible Class

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Hymn 475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
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Read Matthew 28:1-10

1. Matthew begins the most important chapter in his gospel by describing the setting. What important information is given in verse one?
2. In verse two, we are told that "an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it." Why do you think the angel "sat" on the stone?
3. The angel and the Lord both greet the women with the same words: "Do not be afraid." Why is this statement made and repeated?
4. How is Jesus described by the angel? Why is this so important?
5. Jesus calls the disciples "brothers." Why does He use this term? See Hebrews 2:14-18.

6. Why does Jesus appear first to the women? See Matthew 27:56 and 61.

Read Acts 10:34-43

7. In this reading, Peter bears witness to the Risen Christ by describing the ministry of Jesus as well as His death and resurrection. What information does Peter highlight in verses 37-39?

8. What detail does Peter include about the death of Jesus, and why is this information significant? As you consider these questions, reflect on the following verses:

- Deuteronomy 21:22-23
- Galatians 3:13
- I Peter 2:24

9. In verse 40, Peter talks about Easter Sunday. Why does he mention the appearances of Jesus to those “who had been chosen by God as witnesses”?

10. What did these chosen witnesses see?

Read Colossians 3:1-4

11. According to what Paul writes in these verses, what does the reality of the Risen Christ mean for us?

Devotional Thought from “The Lutheran Study Bible”

The women see the empty tomb and the angel, who proclaims that Christ has risen. Though Christ’s resurrection terrifies His enemies, such as the guards at the tomb, it brings great joy to his followers. Rejoice today in His resurrection and pray for His reappearing (TLSB, 1649).

Closing Prayer

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.