



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 23, 2023

PRELUDE

Please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Living God, Jesus reveals himself and is present with us in the breaking of the bread. May our hearts burn within us and our eyes be opened to his presence among us and for us through his redeeming work; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen – vs. 1,2,4,5 (*back of the bulletin*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist declares that the God who created us – who loves and redeems us – searches and knows us completely. So we come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace. Even sin and death are not obstacles between us and God. So let us confess our faults that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and one another. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for

ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses and taking our sins to the cross. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en 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, ho-san-na in the high-est." The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like *div.* and *unis.*

S, A
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
div. san - na in the high - est. *unis.* Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
div. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter addresses the men of Jerusalem, recalling what God has done in Jesus Christ. Those who heard him asked what they might do in response to this message. Peter urges them to repent and be baptized so their sins may be forgiven.

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-14

The psalmist gives thanks to the Lord who delivered him from illness and suffering. Those who are in distress are never far away from the God of life, for God is gracious and merciful.

R: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

R: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

R: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

R: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

C: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

R: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

C: I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”;

R: I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

R: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

C: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-25

Peter continues his discourse to the believers who have been scattered far from home because of their faith in Christ. He urges them to love one another in genuine love, reminding them that they have been reborn from the imperishable and abiding word of God which is the good news of Jesus.

¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: We Had Hoped

HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing.....RECLAIM No. 158

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

SENDING HYMN: God Be with You – vss. 1,2,4.....RECLAIM No. 55

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Reader: Mike Youngerberg

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Don Peterson and Pastor Aaron

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

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| Sunday | April 23 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship |
| | | 6:00pm | Garms Family Concert |
| Monday | April 24 | 10:00am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | April 26 | Noon | Lectionary Lunch |
| | | 1:00pm | Women's Bible Study |
| | | 5:30pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | | 6:30pm | Adult Bible Study |
| Thursday | April 27 | 8:00am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | April 30 | 9:30am | Worship |
| | | 10:30am | Fellowship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Musicorum, Mankato's premier chamber choir, will perform their Spring concert "*The Many Roads Home*" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church this afternoon at 3:00pm. General admission tickets are \$15.

The Garms Family singers will be here at Resurrection Lutheran Church **TONIGHT** at 6:00pm. With pure harmonies and live instruments, The Garms Family's *A Night of Encouragement* is a remarkable musical presentation. The Garms Family is David and Kris (daughter of RLC member Karen Junker) Garms with their sons and daughters, Ben, Taylor, Leesha, Sam, Jayme, and Caleb. Guitars, piano, drums, fiddle, banjo, upright bass, dobro, and mandolin make up the core band. All members are skilled vocalists and they switch leads, trios and quartets.

Beginning this Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30pm Pastor Aaron will begin leading a **9-week Bible study** through the book of Daniel. This study takes us through Daniel as he began as a captive in Babylon. Despite pressures to join the religion and immoral lifestyle of Babylon, we see how Daniel lived a life devoted to God.

Resurrection Lutheran's **National Day of Prayer worship service** will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at noon. Please join us as we sing hymns and offer petitions for our American families, churches, businesses, educators, military members, government officials and media. Invite your friends and neighbors.

The **old conference room chairs** are in the back of the Fireside Room. If you are interested in taking any of them for your own purposes, please feel free to do so.

The **Rachel Evans Piano Studio** invites you to a recital here at Resurrection Lutheran next Sunday, April 30th at 2:00pm. It will be a lovely afternoon of music with 6 students, ranging from ages 6 to 12, performing pieces from Disney to Mozart. Rachel uses our Sanctuary to teach lessons on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

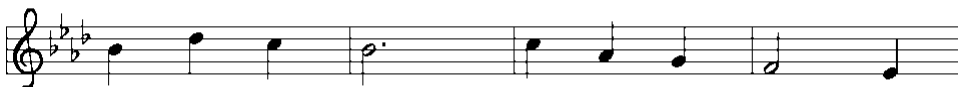
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone: sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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