



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, May 7, 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, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant us the grace to follow him and live lives of servanthood and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken* (see back of the bulletin)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who were once dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. Through the Holy Spirit God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live and walk in the newness of life.

C: Amen.

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 G major, 4/4 time. 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

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 6:7-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Stephen was one of the first deacons of The Way who were chosen to serve the people while the apostles did the work of preaching and teaching. Yet Stephen, too, is a witness. His telling of the story of Christ ends in his martyrdom. He is stoned in public while Paul stands and watches.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the

people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, ⁵¹"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 146

The psalmist sings of the only One who can ever provide aid to the weary, blind, sick, or distressed. This Lord is one who watches over strangers and exacts justice for the poor and oppressed.

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

R: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

R: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

R: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

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SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Peter instructs believers to honor God with their behavior. As they continue to mature in the faith they will long for the spiritual milk of the gospel. What they are learning and how they are living is part of them being formed into the living stones of Christ's spiritual house.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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: John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Troubled Hearts .

HYMN: Because He Lives.....RECLAIM No. 204

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 NICENE 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:

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 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Sav - ior of the
world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
you have set us free. *div.*

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Lord Of All Hopefulness.....RECLAIM No. 200

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Marilyn Anderson

Greeters: Dave and Helen Schauer

Communion Assistants: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

Keyboardist: Wendy LaFavor

Ushers: Ron and Sue Brooks

Communion Set Up: Darlene Korstad

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.

Mankato and North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's presents **Singing Hills Chorus** "Good Vibes Concert" on Saturday, May 13th at 1:00pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church. A reception will follow. General admission tickets are \$10. For tickets, email katoactonalz@gmail.com.

Joy For the Journey is RLC's newest ministry. Coming together for mutual support, conversation and encouragement, Joy For the Journey aims to support those who feel isolated in life's suffering. This may include those grieving the loss of a loved one, undergoing health crisis, living alone, experiencing strife in their home or suffering caregiver's fatigue. Our first meeting will be this Thursday, May 11th at 1pm.

Volunteers are needed for a **Church yard cleanup morning** on Saturday, May 13th at 9:00am. Grab your rakes, shovels, and gloves and come help with work on the lawn and landscaping!

South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will be hosting a pancake breakfast for veterans, as well as active military members and families here at RLC on Saturday, May 20th from 8:30am to 11:30am. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this outreach event. If you are interested in helping, please see the volunteer sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center desk.

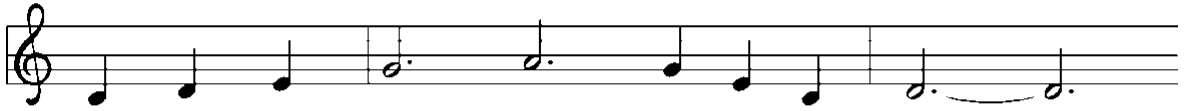
THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	May 7	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	May 8	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	May 9	6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	May 10	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	May 11	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
		1:00pm	Joy For the Journey
Sunday	May 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - `ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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