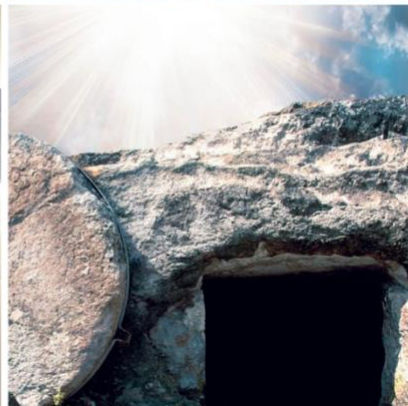
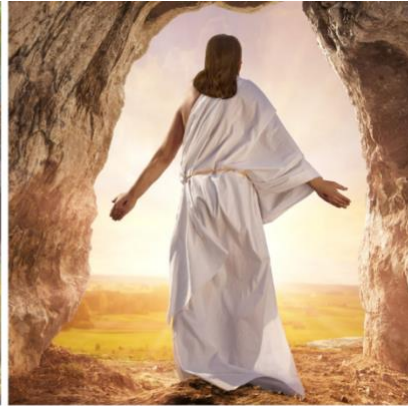


# Resurrection Lutheran Church

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## Easter Sunday

*The Resurrection of Our Lord*

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

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## PRELUDE

### EASTER MORNING ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### GATHERING HYMN: Christ the Lord is Risen Today.....RECLAIM No. 151

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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

C: Amen.

P: The prophet Daniel declares: "To the Lord our God belongs mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his ways, which he set before us by the prophets." And yet, in Christ, all obstacles between us and God have been removed. If death no longer stands in our way, our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins, that they may be washed away by God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: God of the promise,

**C: We confess that we have turned from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will and your ways. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus, the entirety of your sins are forgiven!

**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 a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. 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 performance directions: "S, A" above the first staff, "div." above the third staff, and "unis." above the fourth staff. The music features various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

*Peter recounts the story of Jesus from baptism through his resurrection. Those who were with him are called as witnesses to the truth of who he is: the One Lord of all. Now, non-Jews are gathered into the fold so those who have faith in the One who conquered death are granted forgiveness of sins.*

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I 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>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the

devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews 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 made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16**

*The psalmist sang praises to the Lord, recognizing that without him nothing good could come. The Lord holds our future in His hands. Those who chase after false gods will see nothing but trouble.*

R: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

R: As for saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

R: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

R: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

R: Therefore my heart is glad, my whole being rejoices; my flesh dwells secure.

**C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

R: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

*Paul begins this chapter with an "if/then" statement. Acknowledging that Christ is our life means we are faced with many choices in life. IF you have been raised with Christ (which you have been), THEN seek the things and ways of Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and 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>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead

men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and 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, and there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Do Not Be Afraid

HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vss. 1,2,7,8).....RECLAIM No. 274

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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Sing Hallelujah! (by Mark Burrows)**

*Sing Hallelujah! Jesus lives today!*

*Hallelujah, the King of kings, drives our darkness and doubt away.*

*Hallelujah, the Lord of lords, Prince of Peace, Light of the World,  
Jesus lives today!*

*We sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for blessings without end.*

*We sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for Jesus, Savior, friend.*

*God's world is always filled with hope, God's love can never die.*

*We sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, Christ Jesus reigns on high.*

**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, Saviour of the  
world, for by your Cross and Resurrection  
*div.*  
you have set us free.

### 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

**HYMN: Thine Is the Glory.....RECLAIM No. 161**

## 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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## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

**Keyboardist:** Nikki Basel

**Reader:** Helen Meschke

**Ushers:** Ron and Sue Brooks

**Greeters:** Michal Clobes and Karen Junker

**Communion Set-Up:** Tony and Becky Miller

**Communion Assistants:** Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 9	9:30am	Easter Morning Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Tuesday	April 11	6:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	April 12	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	April 16	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

## CONTACT OUR PASTOR

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# 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](http://www.lcmc.net). Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements.

**Kristin Litynski** (who serves as a fill-in pianist here at Resurrection Lutheran) recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Ella. Ella was born 2 months premature and is thriving in the Mayo NICU at Rochester. If you are interested in making a donation to help offset Ella's medical costs please return a check to the Church office by next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and write "Baby Ella" in the memo line.

**Women's Bible Study** will resume this Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room. Our study, a 9-week overview of the book of Ecclesiastes, is entitled "*Through This Vain World.*" Study workbooks will be distributed at our first meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>, which will be an introductory overview.

Beginning Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pastor Aaron will be sporadically **in and out of the office** this week. He will not be leading any Bible Studies or gatherings. He will also be gone visiting family in South Dakota next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Julie Smith will lead worship.

**Mankato Zero Waste** will be collecting styrofoam at the Mankato Public Works building on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 2pm. Accepted items include clean packing materials from televisions, appliances, computers, and furniture, along with styrofoam coolers. Items to avoid donating are packing peanuts, food packaging, colored styrofoam and packaging with labels or tape on it.

Active and voting members of the congregation who want an **updated copy of the RLC Constitution and Bylaws** can request one through the Church office.



# The Garms Family

A NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

A family who lives in a school and tours America in a bus brings songs and stories of God's goodness when life is hard.

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 | 6:00pm**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church  
1735 East Main Street  
Mankato, MN 56001**

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. None of the three brothers and three sisters have had instrument or vocal lessons. Family hymn sings in the living room grew into over 15 instruments, ten CDs, and full-time touring across America. 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. This performance is a perfect opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbors to fellowship with us!

# IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The beauty of our Sanctuary this morning is made possible, in part, by the donations of these generous individuals who gave monetary gifts for our Easter lily plants in memory or honor of those near and dear to their hearts:*

In memory of our parents and sister, by Dave and Wendy LaFavor

In memory of Dove Morrison and Ardyce Swan, by Victor and Helen Kurth

In honor of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action, by Don Peterson

In memory of Charlotte Meschke, Mahlon & Mary Dahle, Emery & Lois Meschke, and Herbert & Bernie Quamme, by Helen Meschke

In memory of our loving daughter Diane, by Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

In honor of all our servicemen and women, by Doug and Sue Mayer

In memory of Thomas Severson, by Carol Severson

In memory of Alice & William Schroeder and  
Verna & Reuben Youngerberg, by Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

In memory of our parents, Harold & Elizabeth McLaughlin  
and Theodore & Kathleen Kellogg, by Bob and Meridel Kellogg

In memory of Robert P. Chamberlain, by Myrna Chamberlain

In thankfulness for the blessings of God, by Audrey Simmons

In memory of our parents, by Ross and Ruth Heilman

In memory of our parents, by Pat and Karen McGregor

In memory of our parents, by Dave and Helen Schauer

In memory of Warren Litynski, by Sharon Litkynski

In honor of our family, by Jerry and Joyce Roust

In memory of Robert Heinze, by Nancy Heinze

In memory of Loren Clobes, by Michal Clobes

In memory of my parents, by Erika Peirson

