



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 14, 2024

### PRELUDE

### 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: God of abundance, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and reveal to us the mystery of your life death and resurrection through the scriptures. Embolden us to live our lives in ways that bear witness to who we are — one in Christ Jesus our Lord; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (vss. 1,2,4,5) – page 8

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Friends in Christ, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people, leading us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there are times when we have wronged our fellow sheep and wandered from our Shepherd. But we are not abandoned. Trusting in the goodness of our God and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit within us, let us tell the whole truth about ourselves, confess our sins, and seek God's ceaseless mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by the power of sin and have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger and outsider. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: Jesus Christ has come so that you might have new and abundant life. In his name and by his authority alone, I forgive you all your sins. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

## THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). 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 including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties.

*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  
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*div.* high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21

*Following a miraculous healing, Peter attracted a crowd and seized the opportunity to interpret what happened in light of faith in the name of Jesus. Giving glory to God for the healing, Peter then preached the good news that Jesus was, in fact, the Messiah and called those gathered to repent.*

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power

or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his prophets long ago.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 4**

*Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself. Trusting in God we can lie down and sleep in peace. He is the source of our joy.*

R: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**C: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

R: But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

**C: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

R: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

**C: There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”**

R: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**C: In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

*John declares the magnitude of God's love by telling his readers that we are God's children now. This adoption is not something for which we must wait. While what we will be at Christ's return is still unknown, this new reality as children of God is an unalterable fact of our identity.*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does

not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”<sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## SERMON: Who You Gonna Call?

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vss. 1,3,4).....RECLAIM No. 154

### 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: The Day of Resurrection** (page 9)

### **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:** Wendy LaFavor

**Reader:** Karen McGregor

**Ushers:** Kevin Leffel and Brad Matthes

**Greeters:** Pat and Karen McGregor

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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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

**Book Discussion:** Throughout the Old Testament, God continually promised to send His Son to save a lost humanity. Connecting Old Testament prophecies together, you can see how Christ is prevalent throughout the entirety of Scripture. Join Pastor Aaron this Wednesday at 6:30pm for a study on *The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament* from Concordia Publishing House. You can purchase the book on CPH's website, or from Amazon. We will begin this week with the reading and questions for Session 1.

Resurrection Lutheran will prepare and serve a meal at the **Connections Ministry homeless shelter** this Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. 4 people will need to arrive at Church at 4pm to help prepare the meal. A different team of 5 individuals will arrive at Church at 5:15 to load up the meal, carpool together to the shelter, and serve. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center desk. The menu will be: tacos, fruit salad, corn and ice cream sandwiches.

Those interested in taking an **Easter lily** home with them after worship is free to do so! Thank you to those who helped contribute to the beauty of our sanctuary this holy season.

**Women of the Word:** Please join us this Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for fellowship over coffee, treats and sharing some of our favorite things. We will also kick-off our mission of hospice kits/bandages with some updates. It's a meeting you won't want to miss!

**The Mankato Riverblenders** proudly present "50 Years of Harmony" on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. Adult tickets cost \$15 and student tickets \$5. You can purchase your tickets at Cub Foods in Mankato, Hilltop HyVee, or Nutter Clothing in St. Peter.

**"The Table" Young Adults Group** will meet for the final time of this school year next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our gathering will take place at Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant (1525 Tullamore St – Mankato) at 7:30pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Aaron or Vicki.

# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
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;  
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:  
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.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with ere - 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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# The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

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1 Co 5:7,8; Ex 12:21-27; Jn 5:24; Ac 4:33

# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MAY 18

UPLIFTING WORSHIP  
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ENGAGING SPEAKERS  
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INSPIRING FELLOWSHIP

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WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED  
PHILIPPIANS 4:11

## THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	April 15	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 17	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book Discussion
Thursday	April 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	April 20	10:00am	WOW Gathering
Sunday	April 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
		7:30pm	Young Adults Group