



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 7, 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: Gracious God, through your Son's resurrected presence you transform us from frightened people into a community marked by peace and forgiveness. Guide us to faithfully be signs to the world of your abundant grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound (vss. 1,2,4)....RECLAIM No. 159

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left

undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

S, A
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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Luke described the first century followers of Jesus as those who were committed to unity, a common purpose, mutual care, and bold, faithful proclamation of the good news concerning Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. This is a benchmark for all those of every time and place who claim to follow Jesus.

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in

common.³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

All people and all creation are called to give praise to the one, true God – the God of Israel, who is the only one worthy of such praise.

R: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

R: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

C: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

R: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

R: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

R: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

C: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The first letter of John opens with eloquent descriptions of Jesus as the light and life of the world which the author prays that the readers will experience. The passage concludes with an exhortation to live in truth and light by confessing our sins and receiving the mercy of God through Jesus.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you

the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ¹²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be

with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (page 9)

OFFERING PRESENTATION



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



world, _____ for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion

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

SENDING HYMN: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (page 10)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 7	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	April 8	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	April 9	11:00am	EEO Committee Meeting
		6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	April 10	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	April 11	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	April 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

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. You 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.

We welcome **Rev. Randy Freund** to RLC this morning to lead worship. Randy serves as the Service Coordinator for the Augustana District, which is the district our congregation belongs to. Pastor Aaron returns from vacation this afternoon.

This Spring, the women of our congregation will study *“The Proverbs 31 Woman.”* This study gives a look into the lives of biblical women, specific to the theme of Proverbs 31 and how it was exemplified in their life. Contact Karen McGregor by Wednesday if you’d like to participate. The cost will be \$10 for the book. Women’s Bible Study begins on Wednesday, April 24th at 1:00pm.

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 beginning Wednesday, April 17th 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.

Resurrection Lutheran will prepare and serve a meal at the **Connections Ministry homeless shelter** on Tuesday, April 16th. 4 people will need to arrive here at Church at 4pm to help prepare the meal. A different team of 5 individuals will arrive at Church at 5:15 to help load up the meal, carpool together to the shelter, and serve. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center desk.

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.

Birthdays this week: Wendy LaFavor (today), Karen Junker (8th)

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS. European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Randy Freund

Keyboardist: Wendy LaFavor

Reader: Doug Mayer

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Victor and Helen Kurth

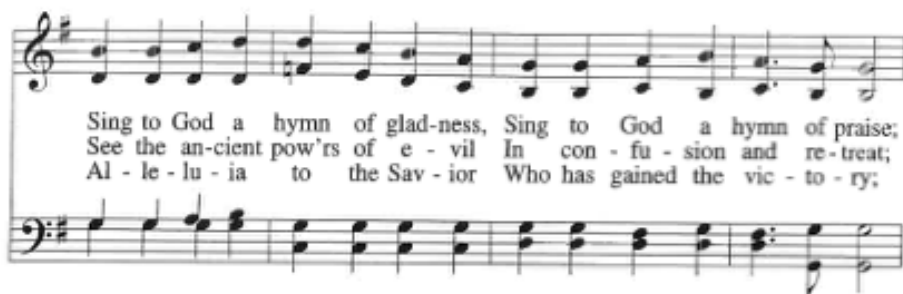
Communion Set Up: Tony and Becky Miller

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

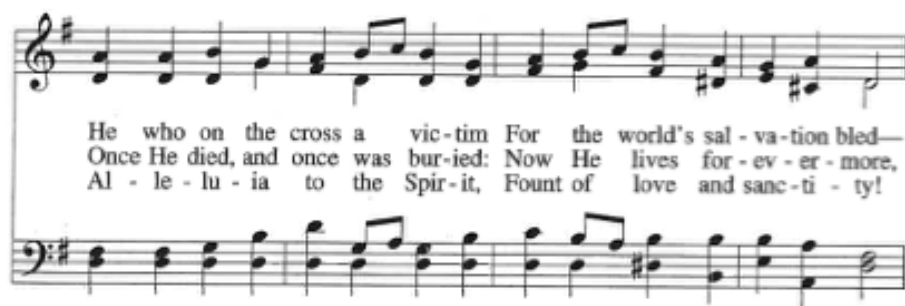
Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



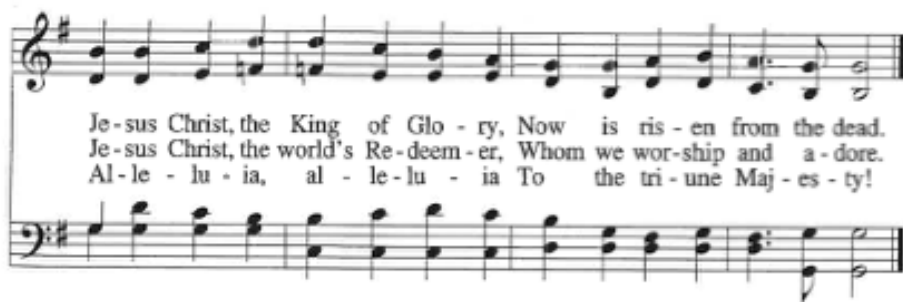
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, sts. 1, 3; rev. The Jubilate Group, st. 2
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

HYMN TO JOY
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